

MARVEL COMICS

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MYSTERY

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AIN'T IT COMICAL,
GOLDIE—KILLER
MARRIES STRA
WITNESS—HA HA!

EVEN THOUGH
I KNOW HE'S
DOIN' THIS
BECAUSE A
WIFE CAN'T
TESTIFY
AGAINST HER
HUSBAND, I
STILL DON'T
LIKE THE
WAY HE
LOOKS
AT HER!

I DO!

AND DO YOU,
YOUNG WOMAN,
TAKE THIS
MAN—?

I'VE
GOT
TO
STOP
HER
BEFORE
SHE
DOES
IT!

ENOUGH,
JUDGE.
HURRY DIS,
OR MY TRIGGER
FINGER MIGHT
GET NOISY!



THE HUMAN TORCH



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A WAR HERO IS CLAIMED BY THE GALLOWS FOR A CRIME HE DID NOT COMMIT! HERE IS A DARING CHALLENGE FOR THE HUMAN TORCH AND TORO, AS THE FLAMING TEAM SEEKS TO STOP THE DIABOLICAL PLOT OF THE

"MASTER OF MURDER!"

IT'S LATE AFTERNOON, AND TORCH AND TORO ARE HOME LISTENING TO A NEWS BULLETIN...

TOM ABBOT, WAR HERO, HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR THE STRANGLE MURDER OF BERT NEAVER, ALSO EMPLOYED AS RESEARCH ENGINEER AT ADEX OIL COMPANY!

TOM ABBOT!

GOSH! WE MET TOM ON A BOND TOUR DURING THE WAR!

LET'S GO DOWN TO HOMICIDE, TORO, AND GET THE DETAILS!



SHORTLY AFTER...

NEAVER'S BODY WAS FOUND EARLY THIS MORNING IN HIS APARTMENT! A MAID CALLED US! A CORONER FIXED THE STRANGLING TIME FROM 8 TO 10 LAST NIGHT!

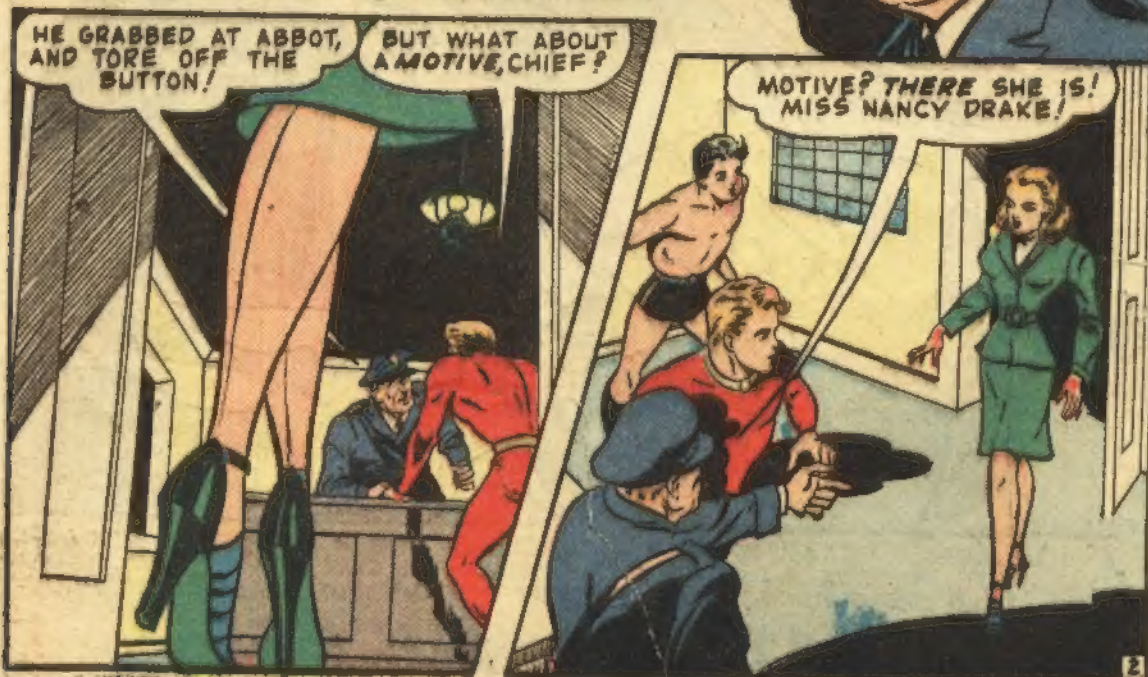
A CLOTH BUTTON WAS CLUTCHED IN NEAVER'S HAND! WE TRACED IT BY ITS SPECIAL WEAVE TO ABBOT! IT WAS MISSING FROM HIS SUIT COAT! THE PICTURE'S OBVIOUS! NEAVER STRUGGLED AS HE WAS BEING CHOKED!



HE GRABBED AT ABBOT, AND TORE OFF THE BUTTON!

BUT WHAT ABOUT A MOTIVE, CHIEF?

MOTIVE? THERE SHE IS! MISS NANCY DRAKE!



NEAVER AND ABBOT WERE RIVALS FOR MISS DRAKE! THE TWO MEN HAD A BITTER QUARREL OVER HER!

IT'S MY FAULT! I ONLY WENT OUT WITH BERT TO MAKE TOM JEALOUS!

BUT TOM WOULDN'T KILL! IT MUST BE A FRAME-UP!

WHAT ABOUT ABBOT'S ALIBI, CHIEF?

HE SAYS HE WAS WALKING IN MONTROSE PARK BETWEEN 8 AND 10 LAST NIGHT. THAT WOULD PUT HIM TWO HOURS AWAY FROM NEAVER'S PLACE AND IN THE CLEAR!

TORCH AND TORO, CAN'T YOU HELP?

CHIEF, I'D LIKE TO TALK TO TOM!

O.K., BUT I'LL EAT MY HAT IF HE'S INNOCENT!

AT TOM'S CELL...

TORCH! I'M INNOCENT! I WAS WALKING IN THE PARK LAST NIGHT!

THINK BACK, TOM!

WASN'T THERE SOMEONE WHO SAW YOU THERE? SOMEONE YOU SPOKE TO?

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO... WAIT! THIS MAY HELP!



AN OLD MAN WITH SHAGGY WHITE HAIR, CARRYING A THICK WALKING STICK... I ASKED HIM FOR A MATCH! HE SAID HE SPENDS HOURS IN THE PARK! IF YOU COULD FIND HIM...

WE WILL!

SHORT SECONDS LATER, THE PAIR ROCKETS OUT...

BOYS, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? I CAN FOLLOW IN MY CAR!

WE'RE HEADED FOR MONTROSE PARK!



SOON...

TORCH! THAT LOOKS LIKE OUR MAN!

I WONDER! WE'LL GO DOWN AND QUESTION HIM!

DO YOU REMEMBER A YOUNG FELLOW, TALL, WELL-BUILT, NEATLY DRESSED, ASKING YOU FOR A MATCH LAST NIGHT?

NOW LET ME WHY YESSIR? I REMEMBER HIM!



COULD YOU RECOGNIZE HIM IF YOU SAW HIM AGAIN?

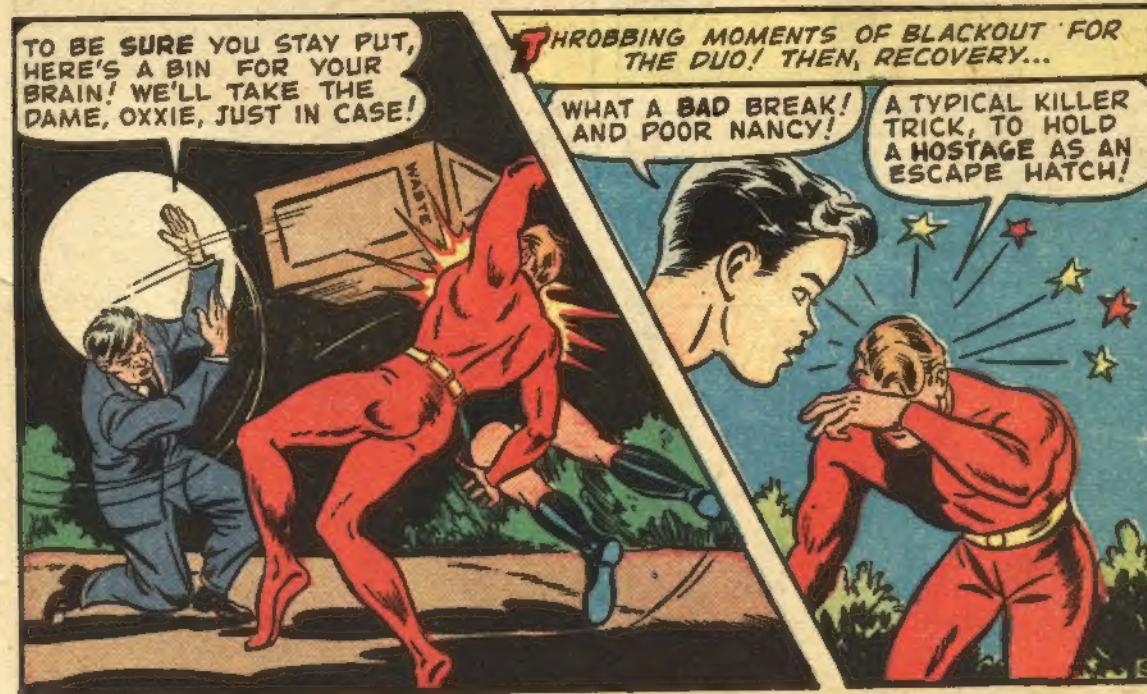
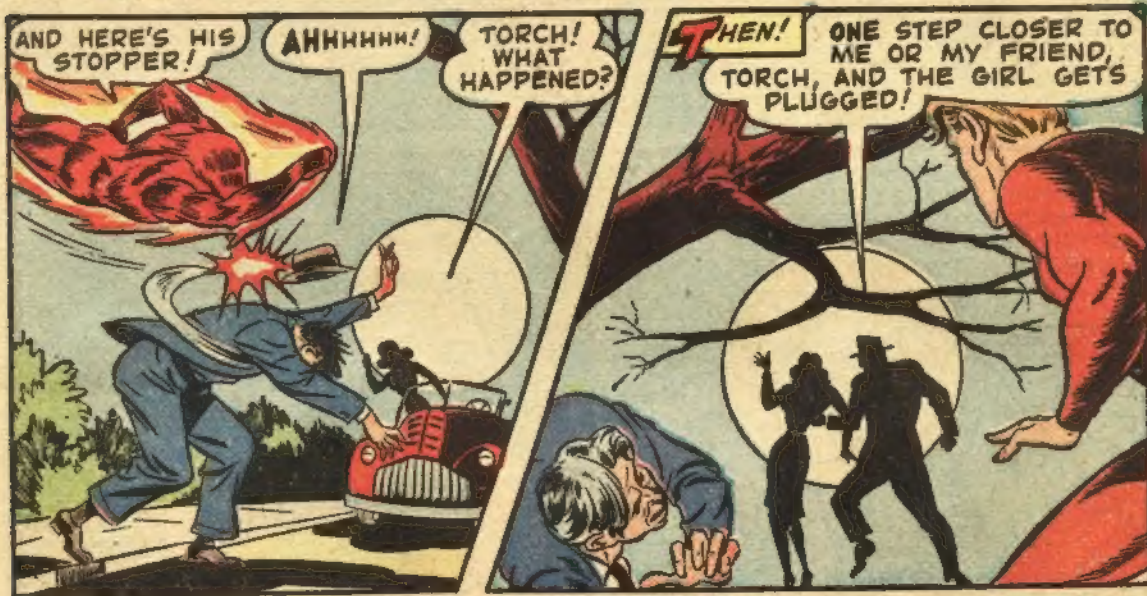
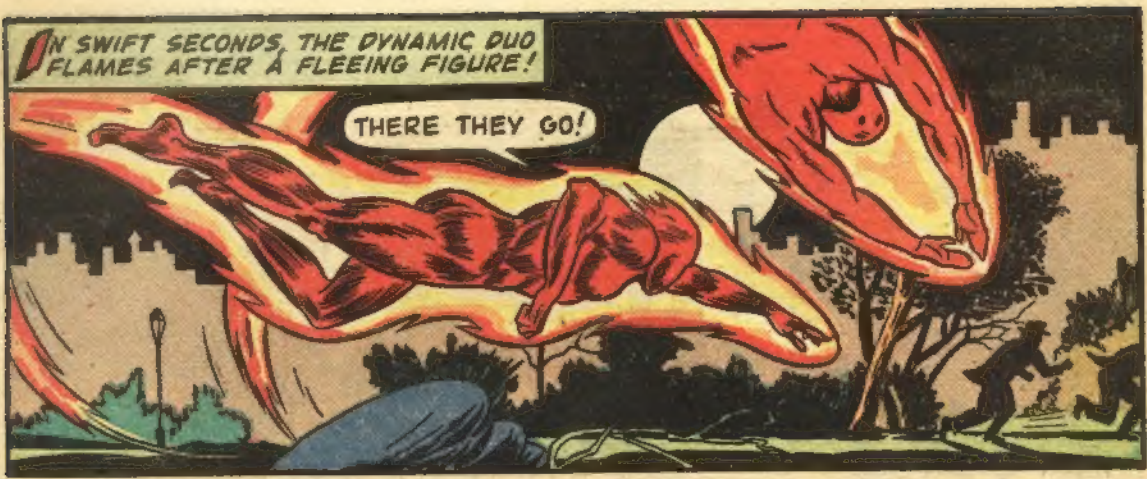
YES! WE WERE STANDING UNDER AN ARC LIGHT NEAR THE CLOCK TOWER! IT WAS JUST 8:30!



SUDDENLY!

I'D RECOGNIZE HIS FACE ANY... UGH!

BANG! BANG!



ANYWAY, THE OLD FELLOW'S MURDER PROVES THAT TOM'S AN INNOCENT PARTY TO ALL THIS! WE'LL GET HOMICIDE DOWN HERE!



BUT...

A MURDER AND THE GIRL KIDNAPPED, EHP? WELL, WHERE'S THE BODY?

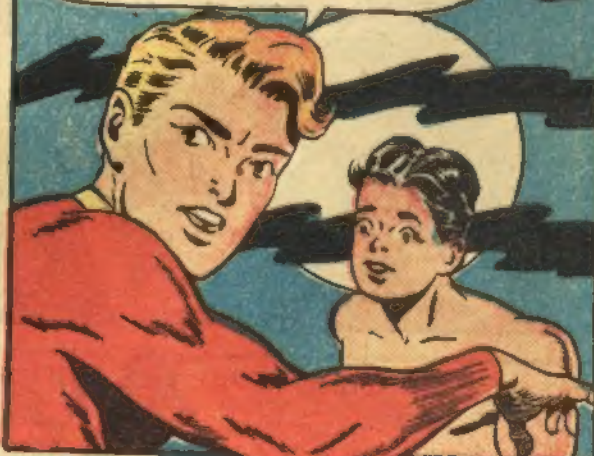
JUMPING JUNIPERS! IT'S GONE!



YOU MEAN IT *NEVER* WAS HERE! I SEE IT ALL, YOU'RE SO ANXIOUS TO GET ABBOT RELEASED, YOU MADE UP THIS WHOLE STORY! BAH! YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME!



NOW, WE HAVE A *DOUBLE* JOB -- TO FIND A KILLER AND FIND NANCY! THE BODY WAS RIGHT HERE... SAY! HERE'S SOMETHING!



LOOKS LIKE OIL!

IT IS! SOMEONE WHO HELPED REMOVE THE BODY MUST HAVE HAD OIL ON HIS HANDS OR SHOES! NEAVER AND TOM WORKED FOR APEX OIL COMPANY! LET'S GO!



MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY...

O.K., SHE'S CHAINED AND GAGGED PLENTY TIGHT! COME ON, OXXIE, LET'S LISTEN TO THE RADIO IN THE NEXT ROOM!

I'LL GIVE HER THIS MAG TO READ TO HELP HER PASS THE TIME! HA! HA!



IF I COULD ONLY GET OUT OF HERE! THERE'S A WINDOW! HMMM! THIS MAGAZINE MIGHT HELP ME!



SHORT MOMENTS LATER... HERE'S APEX! WE'LL SPEAK TO SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES FIRST! MAYBE WE CAN LATCH ON TO A LEAD!



TOO BAD ABOUT POOR BERT...

HE WAS A SMART INVENTOR AS WELL AS A RESEARCH ENGINEER!

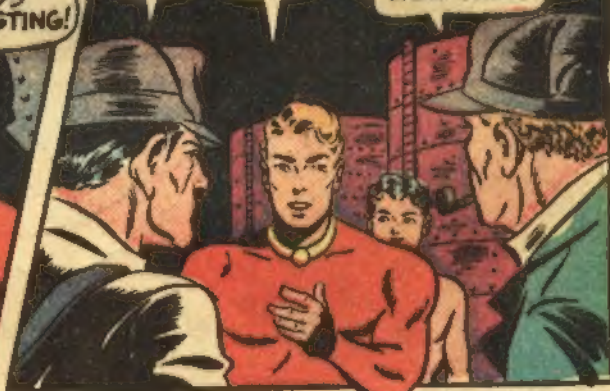
YOU KNOW HE WAS ON THE VERGE OF A TERRIFIC INVENTION! HE SAID SO, DAY BEFORE HIS MURDER!

SOUNDS INTERESTING!

WHY, IT'S TORCH AND TORO!

WHAT KIND OF INVENTION DID BERT HAVE?

DON'T KNOW! BERT NEVER SPIELED TO ANYONE EXCEPT MR. HART, THE BOSS! ASK HIM!



SOON, IN THE OFFICE OF WALTER HART...

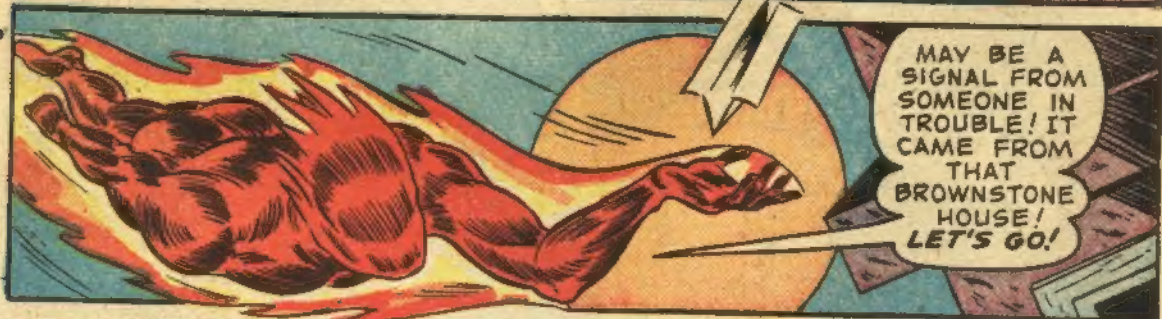
BERT WAS WORKING ON A MACHINE TO SPEED THE PROCESS OF OIL REFINING! HE DIDN'T DIVULGE THE DETAILS, BUT I DO KNOW THAT ED GRANGER OF THE GRANGER OIL COMPANY TRIED TO HIRE BOTH BERT AND TOM!

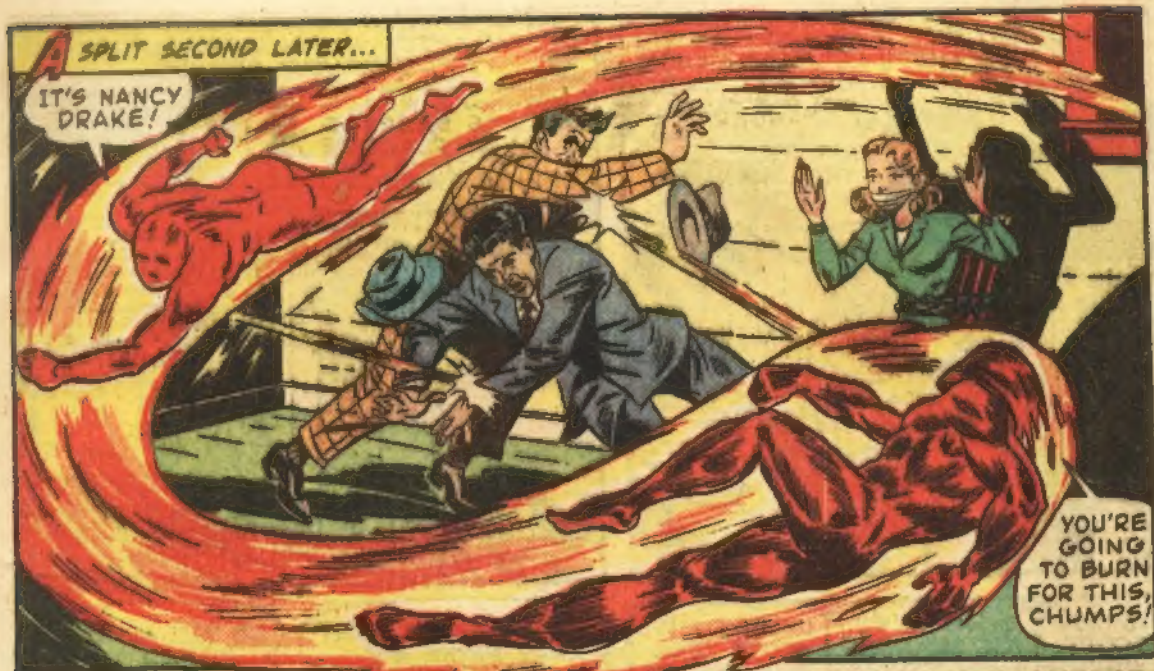
WOULD BERT'S INVENTION BE A REAL THREAT TO THE GRANGER INTERESTS?

YES, INDEED! GRANGER COULD HARDLY COMPETE WITH US!

THAT WOULD BE REASON ENOUGH FOR HIM TO WANT BERT OUT OF THE WAY!



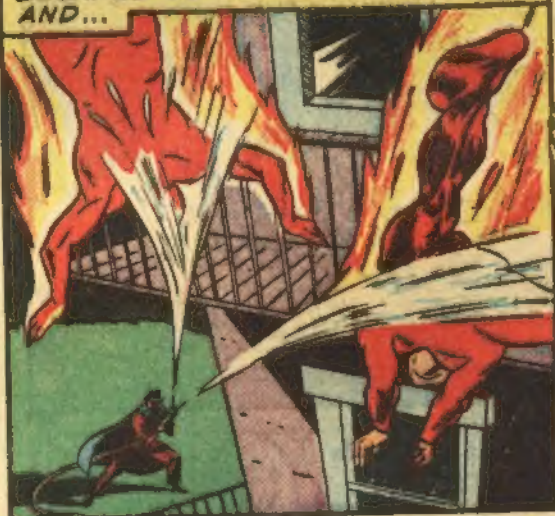




THEN, WITH SUDDEN SHOCK, MURDER STRIKES AGAIN!



AS THE DUO FLAMES TO THE FIRE ESCAPE, A CLOAKED FIGURE ESCAPES TO THE GROUND BELOW, AND...



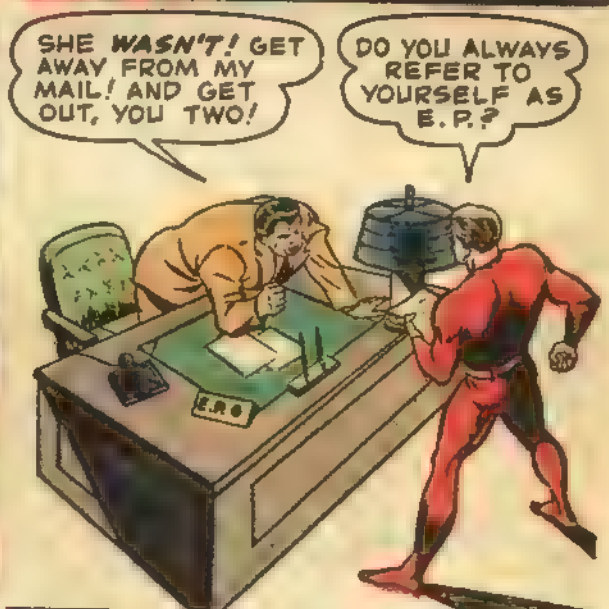
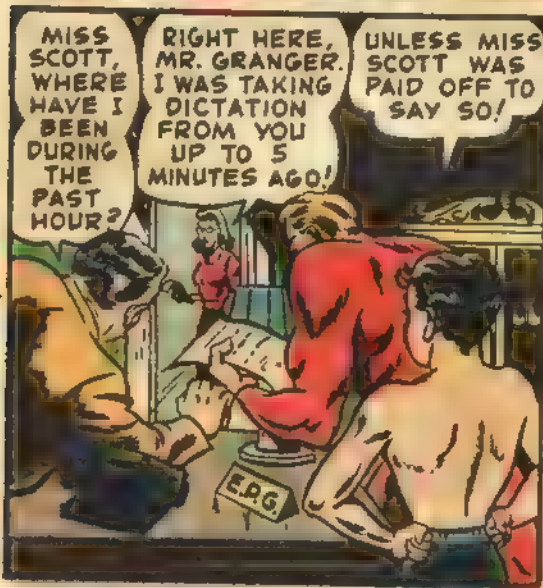
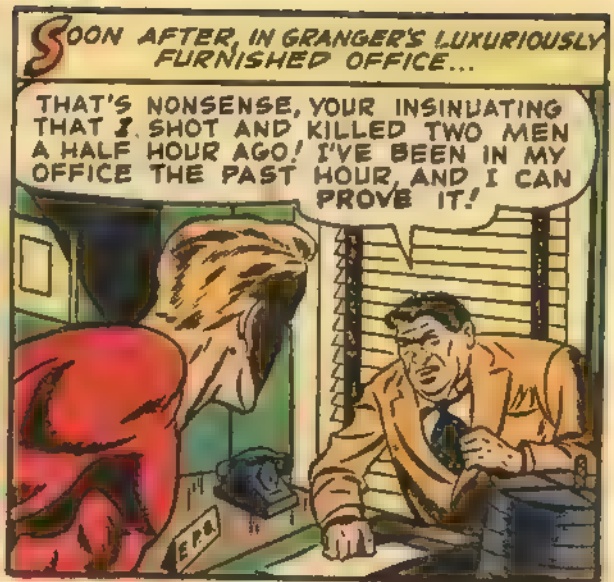
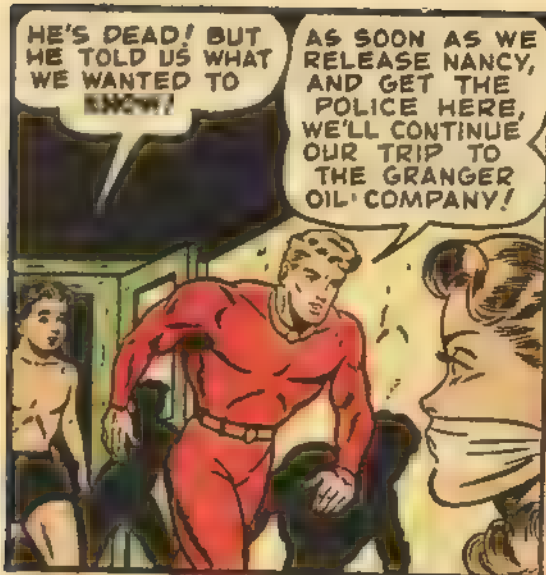
WHEW! IT'S A GOOD THING WE LANDED ON THIS PILE OF SAND!

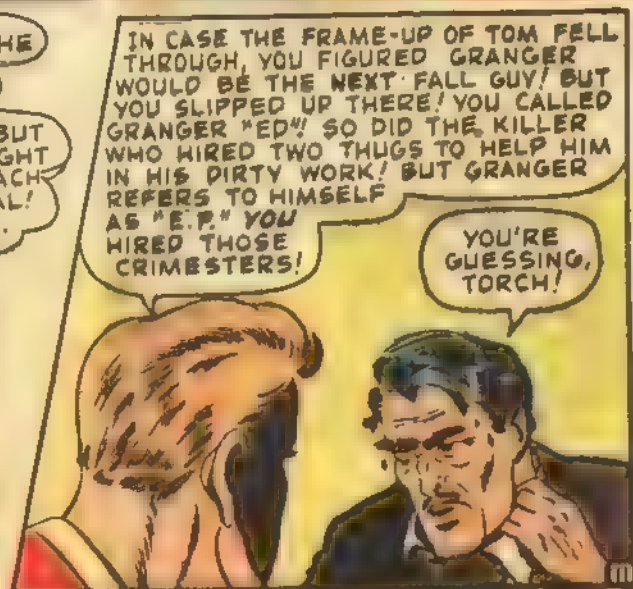
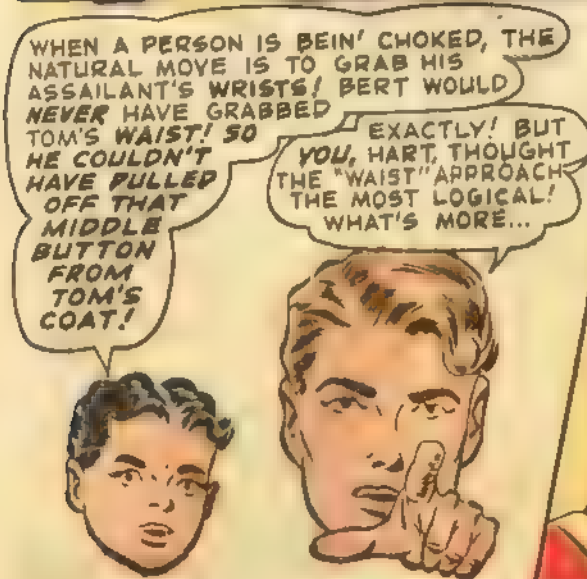
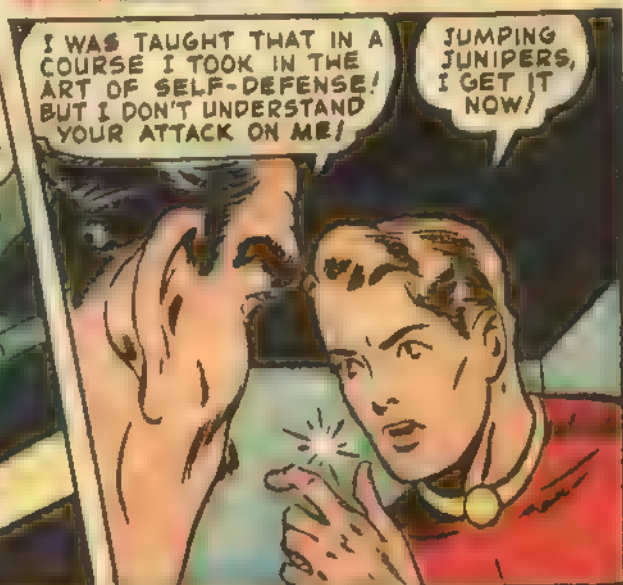
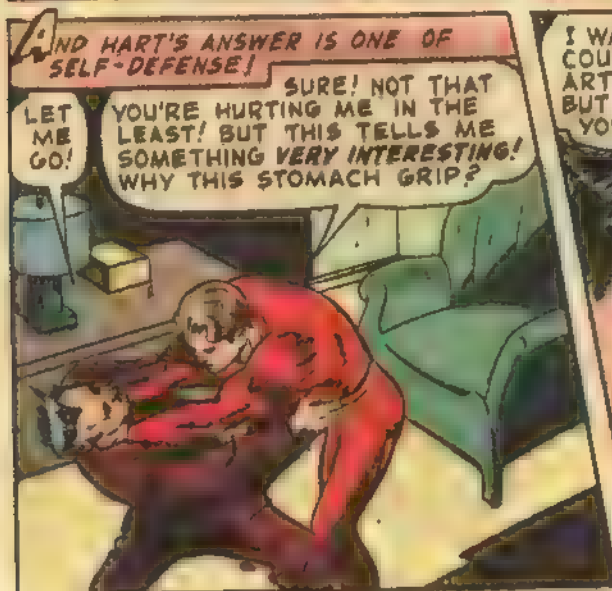
BUT THE KILLER HAS ESCAPED! LET'S GET BACK UPSTAIRS!



IN THE MURDER ROOM, ONE CRIMINAL IS STILL ALIVE, AND...



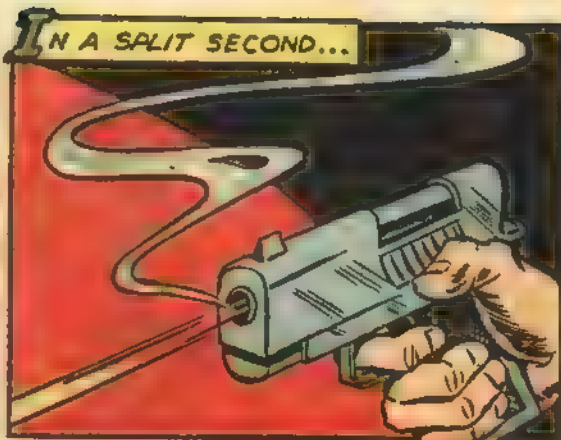






I'LL GUESS AGAIN! I THINK A SEARCH OF YOUR PRIVATE PAPERS WILL REVEAL YOUR MURDER MOTIVE!

YOU'RE SEARCHING NOTHING!



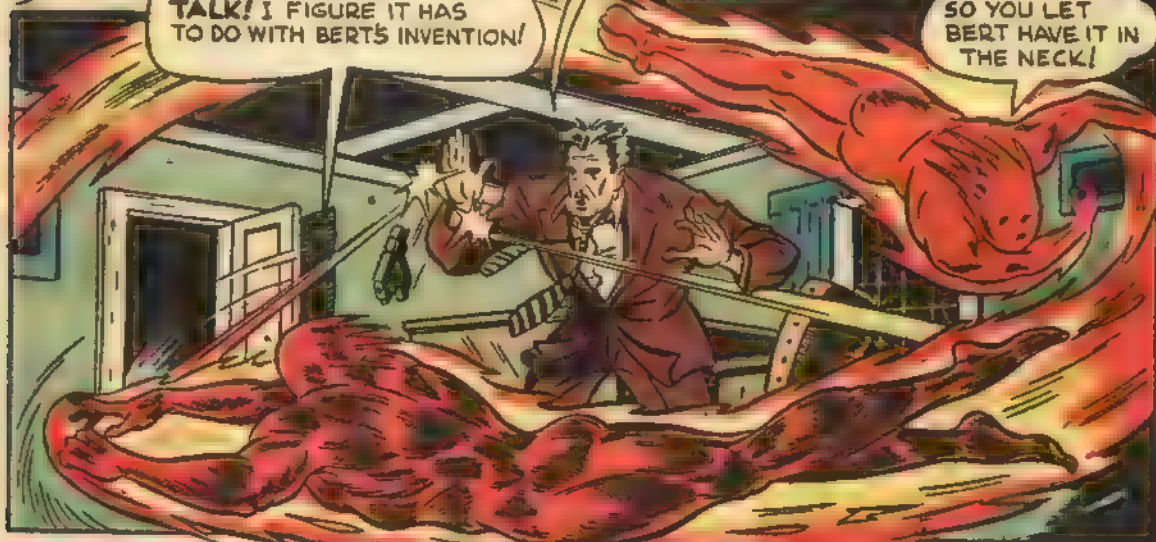
IN A SPLIT SECOND...

YES! THE BLUEPRINTS ARE IN MY DESK! BERT QUARRELED WITH ME AND THREATENED TO HAND IT OVER TO GRANGER UNLESS I PAID HIM HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR IT! I DIDN'T WANT TO PAY THAT. BUT I COULDN'T LET GRANGER HAVE IT!

But!

IT'S ALL OVER NOW, HART! TALK! I FIGURE IT HAS TO DO WITH BERT'S INVENTION!

SO YOU LET BERT HAVE IT IN THE NECK!



LATER, AFTER HART TAKES YOUNG ABBOT'S PLACE IN JAIL...

AND TOM, DARLING, WE OWE IT ALL TO TORCH AND TORO!

THIS DESERVES A CELEBRATION! I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU TO DINNER!

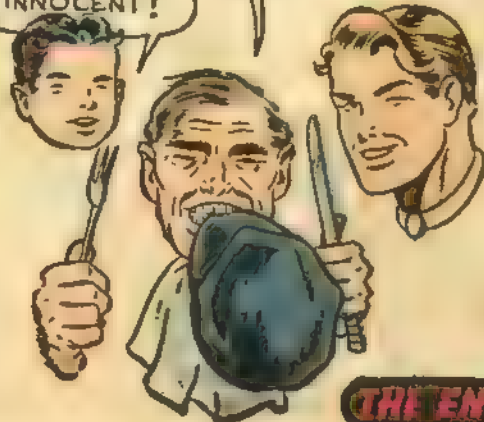
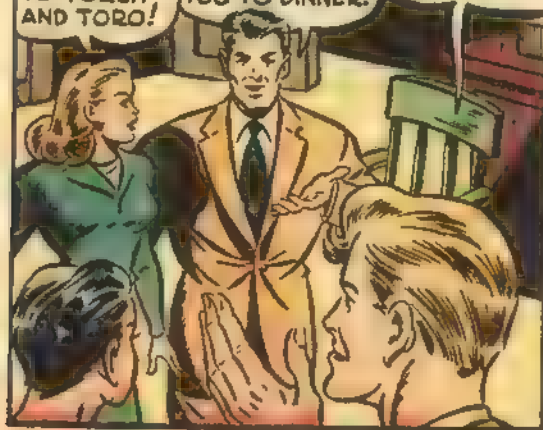
THANKS, TOM! BUT WE ALREADY HAVE A DINNER ENGAGEMENT!

Later...

GO ON, CHIEF! YOU SAID YOU'D EAT YOUR HAT IF TOM WAS INNOCENT!

GLUB! GLUB!

WANT SOME GRAVY ON IT, CHIEF?



THE END

Captain Tootsie TAME TORNADO

BY C-C BECK

CAPTAIN TOOTSIE AND THE SECRET LEGION VISIT AN ARMY AIRFIELD IN THE SOUTHWEST

HOOTIN' ZOOT'S! LOOK AT ALL THOSE SWELL NEW JET PLANES!

OBOY! THIS IS GREAT, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!

THOSE ARE THE ARMY'S P-84 THUNDERJETS!

YES, BOYS. THIS GREAT FIGHTER PLANE HAS A SPEED OF MORE THAN 600 MILES AN HOUR! IT'LL FLY HIGHER THAN 40,000 FEET, AND HAS A RANGE OF 1,000 MILES. THE CABIN IS AIR CONDITIONED, AND ELECTRICALLY OPERATED TO PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY EXIT!

AN OFFICER EXPLAINS THE CRAFT.

HERE'S ONE COMING IN FOR A LANDING! WOW! WHAT SPEED!

CONTROL TOWER'S CALLING THEM ALL IN! WEATHER'S GETTING BAD!

THIS IS TORNADO COUNTRY, YOU KNOW! WE'VE HAD SEVERAL BAD TWISTERS ALREADY, AND BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS WE'RE DUE FOR ANOTHER ANY MINUTE!

HERE COMES A TWISTER NOW! SEE THAT FUNNEL HEADING RIGHT FOR TOWN?

QUICK! SOUND THE ALARM! CALL ALL PILOTS... I'VE AN IDEA!

GOSH!

HERE, MEN. WE'LL NEED LOTS OF ENERGY HAVE SOME TOOTSIE ROLLS AND TOOTSIE FUDGE, THAT'LL DO THE TRICK!

YEH! TOOTSIE FUDGE GIVES QUICK ENERGY, TOO—JUST LIKE TOOTSIE ROLLS!

INTO YOUR PLANES, MEN! FOLLOW CAPTAIN TOOTSIE! HE'S GOING TO BREAK UP THAT TORNADO BY FLYING THROUGH IT!

LET'S GO!



TAKING OFF IN TIGHT FORMATION, THE POWERFUL JET PLANES FLY TO MEET THEIR NIGHT AGAINST THE RAGING TORNADO!

WILL CAPTAIN TOOTSIE'S DARING PLAN WORK? CAN HE SAVE THE TOWNSPEOPLE FROM DEATH AND DESTRUCTION?

YEH! LOOK AT THOSE PLANES!

WE DID IT! WE BROKE 'ER STEM CLEAN OFF!

Pop!

THE TORNADO'S BROKEN UP! WE'RE SAVED!

HOORAY!

WOW! WHAT A THRILL! YOUR IDEA SAVED DOZENS OF LIVES AND HOMES! YOU'RE A HERO, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!

GOSH! I'M ALL IN AFTER THAT!

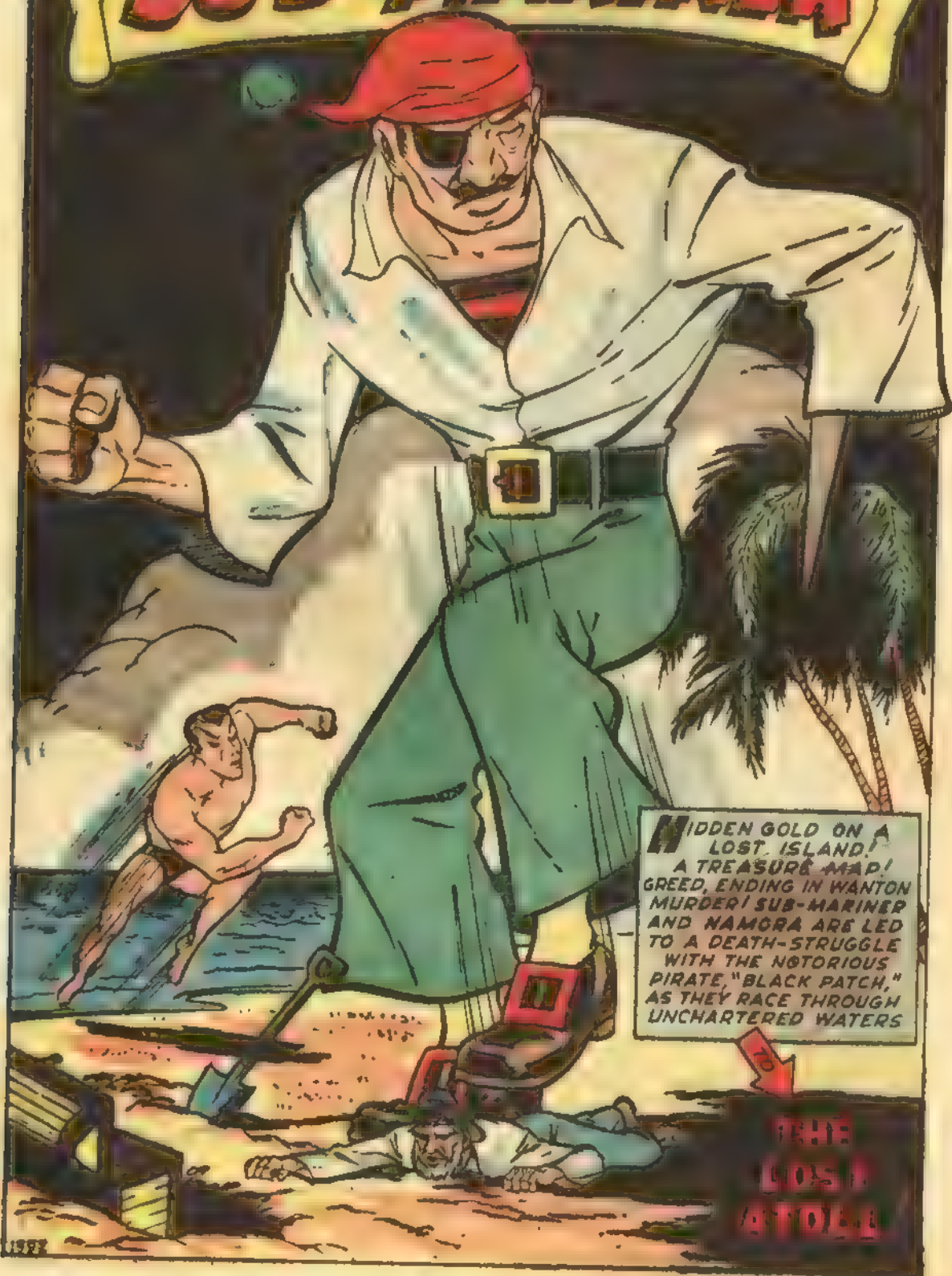
ANOTHER ROUND OF TOOTSIE FUDGE WILL SPARK UP OUR ENERGY AGAIN, BOYS!

YOU SURE CAN'T BEAT TOOTSIE FUDGE!

HOOTIN' ZOOT'S! THAT SWELL TOOTSIE FUDGE SURE SHOOTS JETS OF QUICK ENERGY TO YOUR MUSCLES. MAKES YOU WANT TO ZOOM LIKE A REGULAR THUNDERJET YOURSELF! TOOTSIE FUDGE IS SURE RICH 'N CREAMY—JUST GOSH-A-MIGHTY GOOD! COMES IN CHOCOLATE OR VANILLA FLAVORS. GET TOOTSIE FUDGE AT YOUR FAVORITE CANDY COUNTER TODAY!

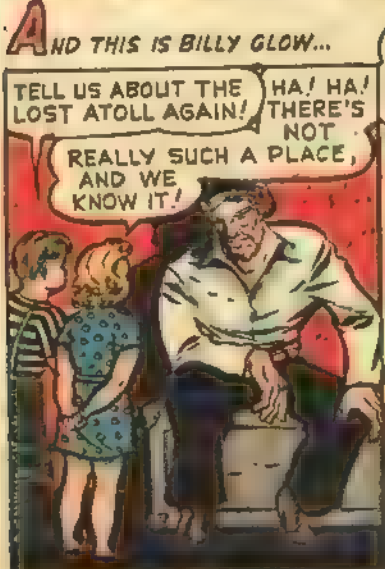
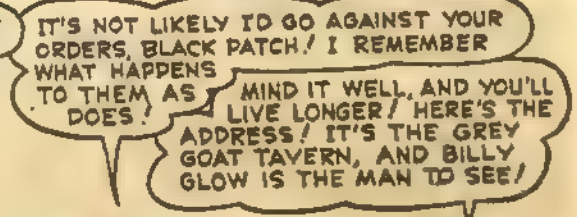
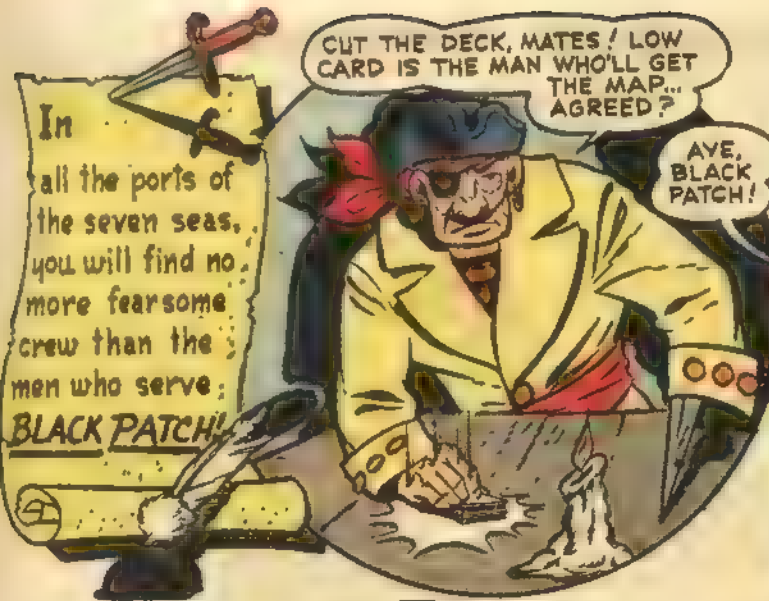


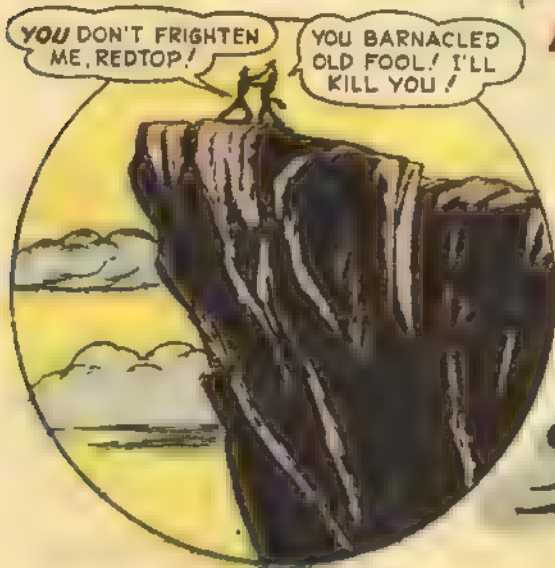
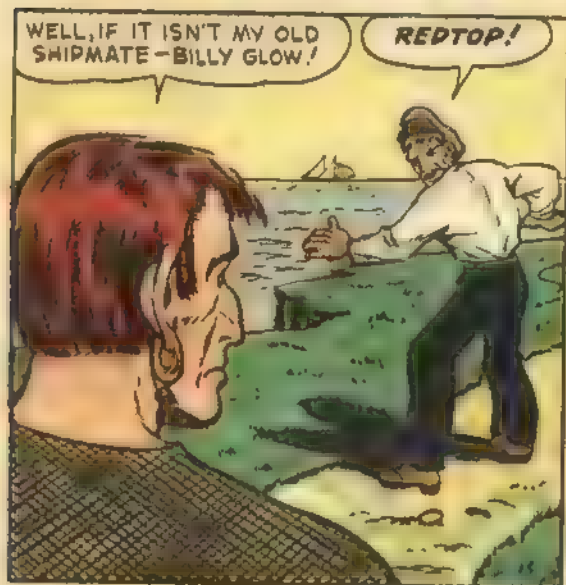
SUB-MARINER



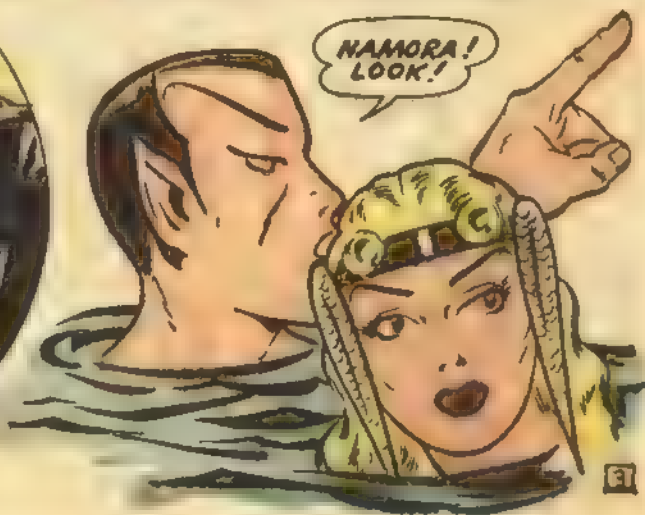
HIDDEN GOLD ON A
LOST ISLAND!
A TREASURE MAP!
GREED, ENDING IN WANTON
MURDER! SUB-MARINER
AND NAMORA ARE LED
TO A DEATH-STRUGGLE
WITH THE NOTORIOUS
PIRATE, "BLACK PATCH,"
AS THEY RACE THROUGH
UNCHARTERED WATERS

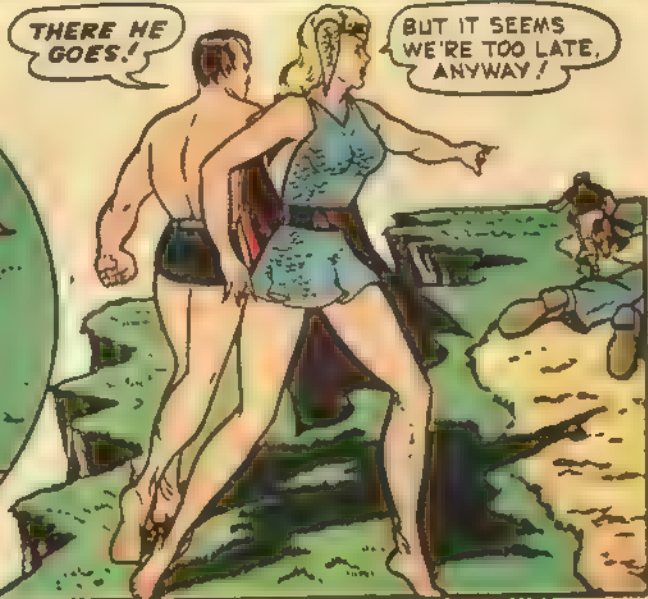
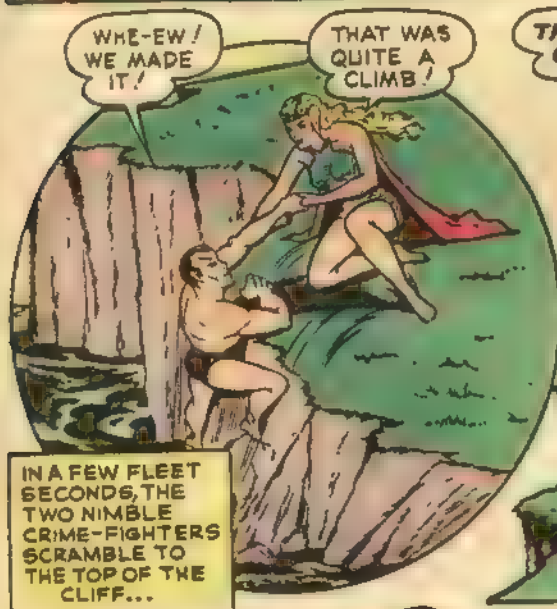
TO
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A AT THIS MOMENT, SUB-MARINER AND NAMORA ARE SWIMMING IN THE WATERS NEARBY...







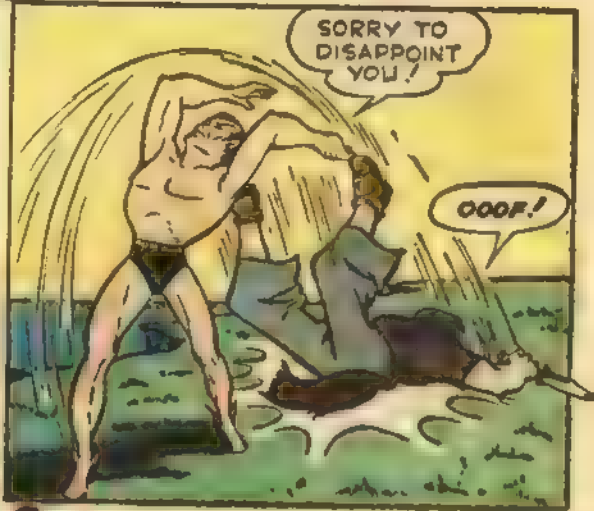
HERE'S MY FIST ON IT!

USHHH!

TAKE IN YOUR TOPS'L, MATE! OLD REDTOP'S HANDLED YOUR LIKE BEFORE!



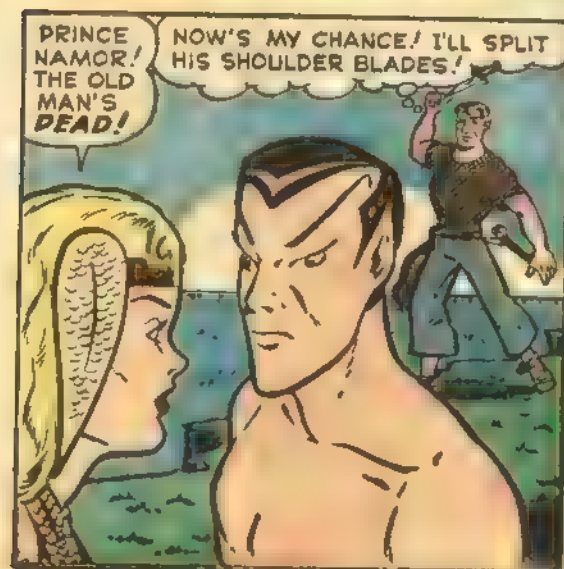
A QUICK SLASH OF THE KNIFE, AND YOU'LL BE FEEDING THE FISHES!



SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU!

OOOF!

SUDDENLY!
THE GROUND GAVE WAY BENEATH HIM!
YAAAAA!



PRINCE NAMOR!
THE OLD MAN'S DEAD!

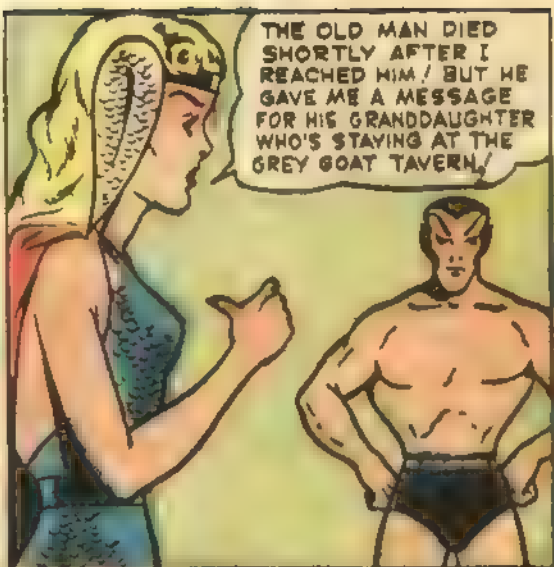
NOW'S MY CHANCE! I'LL SPLIT HIS SHOULDER BLADES!



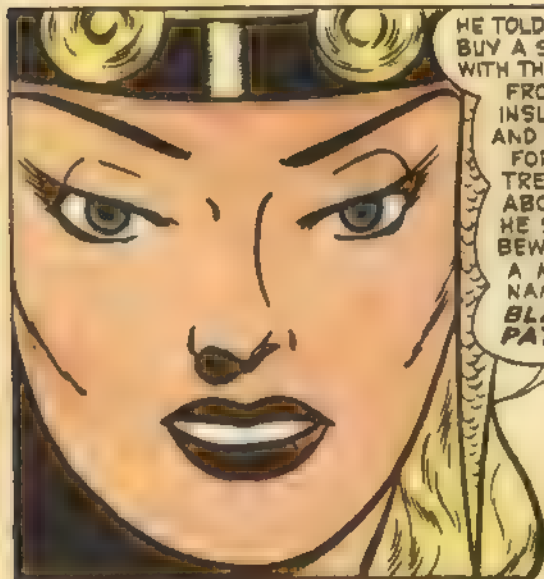


HE NEVER HAD A CHANCE / WE COULDN'T SAVE HIM!

IF HE HAD LIVED, HE WOULD HAVE PAID THE PENALTY FOR MURDER / PERHAPS, IT'S JUST AS WELL!

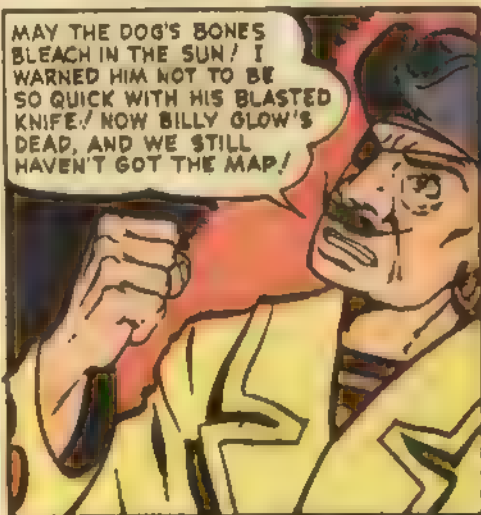


THE OLD MAN DIED SHORTLY AFTER I REACHED HIM / BUT HE GAVE ME A MESSAGE FOR HIS GRANDDAUGHTER WHO'S STAYING AT THE GREY GOAT TAVERN!

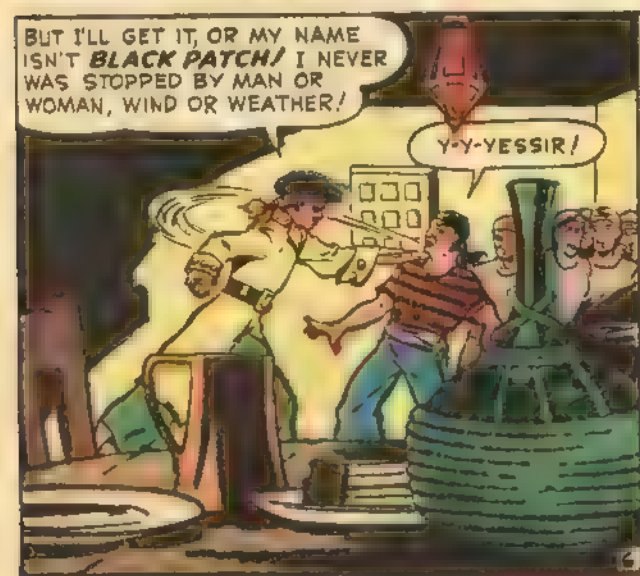


HE TOLD HER TO BUY A SCHOONER WITH THE MONEY FROM THE INSURANCE! AND TO LOOK FOR LOST TREASURE! ABOVE ALL, HE SAID TO BEWARE OF A MAN NAMED **BLACK PATCH!**

WHEN NEWS OF REDTOP'S DEATH REACHES BLACK PATCH, HIS ANGER IS HORRIBLE TO SEE!

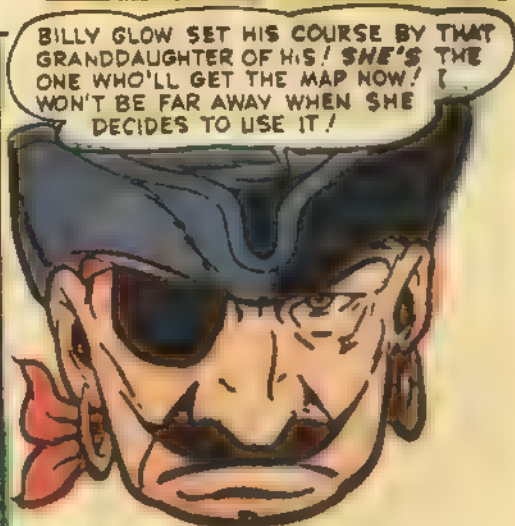


MAY THE DOG'S BONES BLEACH IN THE SUN! I WARNED HIM NOT TO BE SO QUICK WITH HIS BLASTED KNIFE! NOW BILLY GLOW'S DEAD, AND WE STILL HAVEN'T GOT THE MAP!



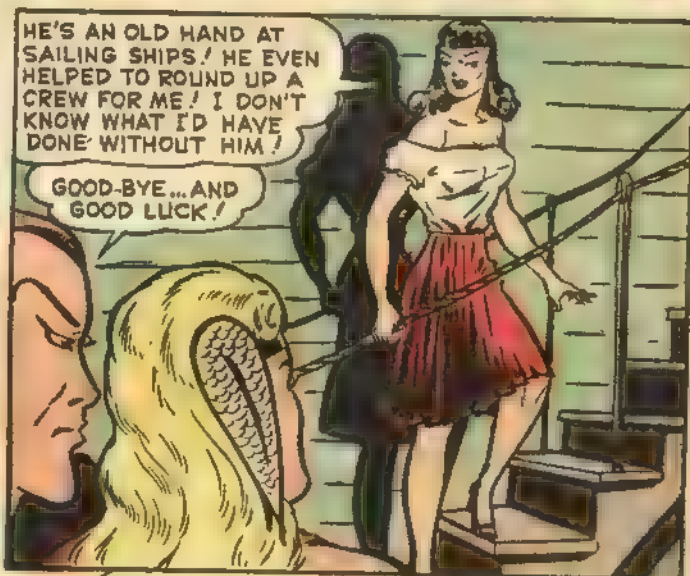
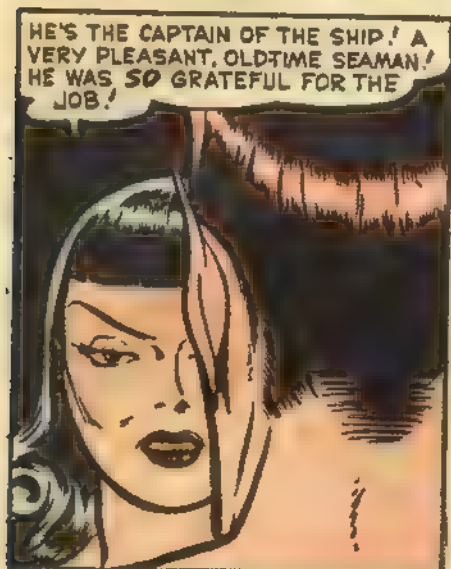
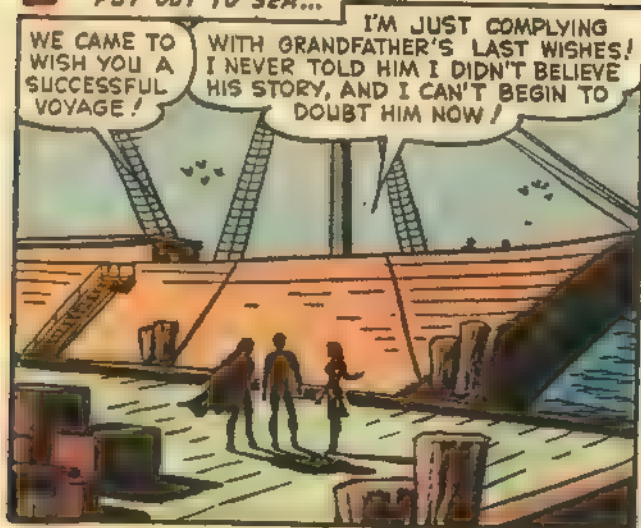
BUT I'LL GET IT, OR MY NAME ISN'T **BLACK PATCH!** I NEVER WAS STOPPED BY MAN OR WOMAN, WIND OR WEATHER!

Y-Y-YESSIR!

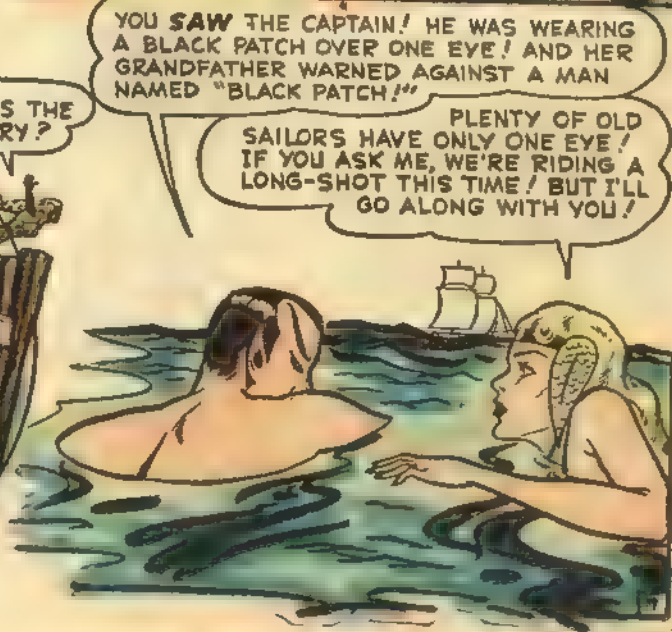
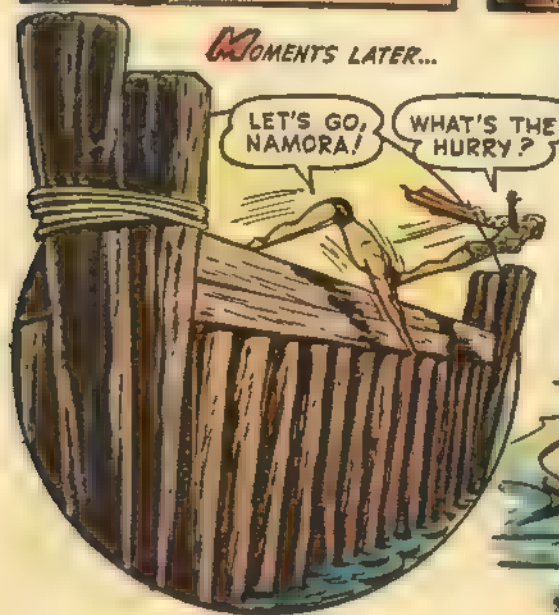


BILLY GLOW SET HIS COURSE BY THAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF HIS! **SHE'S** THE ONE WHO'LL GET THE MAP NOW! I WON'T BE FAR AWAY WHEN SHE DECIDES TO USE IT!

LATER, ON A DOCK WHERE A SCHOONER WAITS TO PUT OUT TO SEA...



MOMENTS LATER...



**NIGHTFALL FINDS THE SCHOONER
WELL UNDER WAY...**

DID SHE
SHOW YOU
THE MAP,
BLACK
PATCH?

NOT YET! JUST
TOLD ME TO
KEEP SAILING
SOUTH BY WEST!



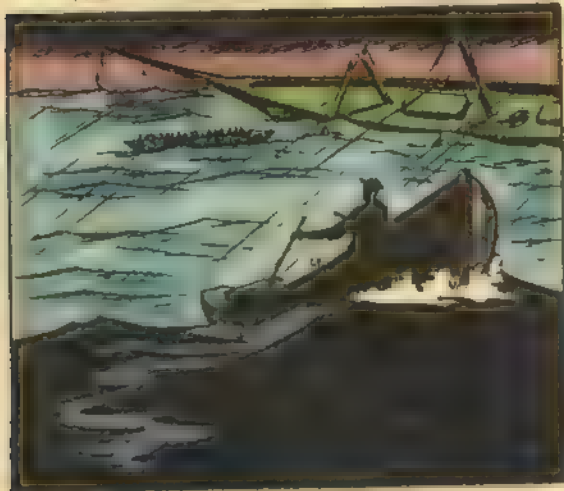
BUT SHE'S BOUND
TO SHOW ME THE
MAP SOONER OR
LATER! THEN
WE'LL KNOW
THE COURSE
TO LOST
ATOLL!

ARE YA
SURE THERE'S
TREASURE ON
THE ATOLL?

AS SURE AS I AM OF MY
OWN NAME! THE LAST OF
THE CLIPPERS FOUNDERED
IN A STORM NEAR THE
ATOLL IN 1889...



***THE CAPTAIN PUT HIS CARGO OF GOLD COINS
INTO ONE BOAT WITH THE FIRST MATE, AND
THE PASSENGERS INTO ANOTHER...**



"THE PASSENGER BOAT WAS
NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN,
BUT THE FIRST MATE, BILLY
GLOW, REACHED THE ATOLL
WITH THE CARGO OF GOLD
COINS - A MILLION DOLLARS'
WORTH OF TREASURE..."



**A YEAR, HE LIVED ALONE THERE! THEN HE
MANAGED TO BUILD A CRUDE SAIL BOAT
AND ESCAPED, HAVING BURIED THE
TREASURE ON THE ATOLL!"**

BUT WHEN HE LED A SAILING EXPEDITION BACK,
HE COULDN'T FIND THE PLACE AGAIN! THE
OWNERS OF THE GOLD COLLECTED ON THEIR
INSURANCE, AND
FORGOT THE
MATTER... BUT
I DIDN'T!

HOW'D YOU KNOW ABOUT
BILLY GLOW'S TREASURE?



I WAS WITH AN EXPEDITION THAT BILLY GLOW OUTFITTED WITH HIS OWN MONEY TO LOOK FOR THE ATOLL! HE NEVER LET US SEE THE MAP! AT THE TIME I THOUGHT NO SUCH ATOLL EXISTED...



...BUT I KNOW NOW I WAS WRONG! THAT TREASURE WILL FALL TO OLD BLACK PATCH - OR I'LL KNOW THE REASON WHY!



BLACK PATCH! THAT KILLER IS ONE OF THE CREW!



LATER...

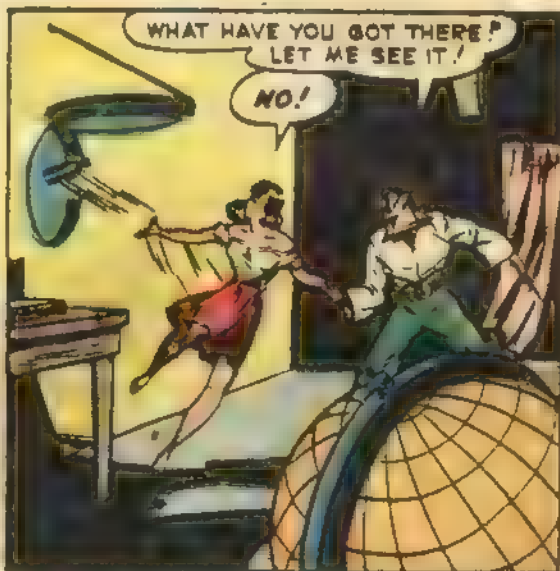
YOU! BLACK PATCH!

SO YOU KNOW MY NAME, DO YOU? YOU'RE A CLEVER LASS!



WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE? LET ME SEE IT!

NO!



SENDING MESSAGES, EH? I OUGHT TO WRING YOUR PRETTY NECK FOR THAT!

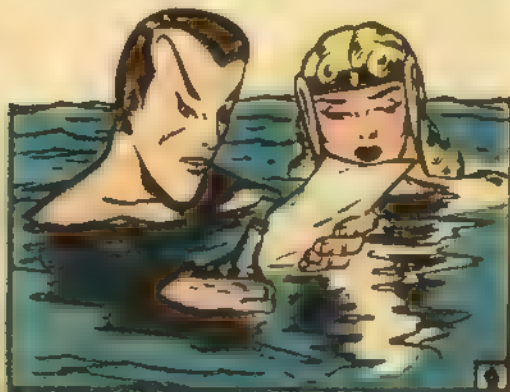
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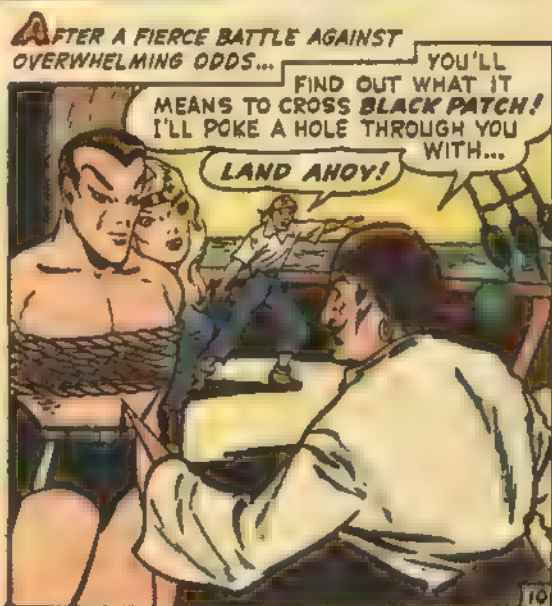
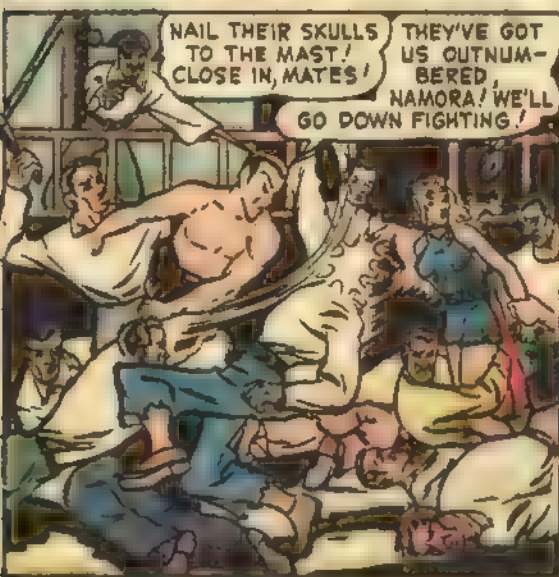


SOON THE MESSAGE IS PICKED UP...

IT'S THE MAP TO LOST ATOLL! DOROTHY MUST HAVE TOSSED IT OVERBOARD!

DIDN'T SHE WRITE ANYTHING ON IT?



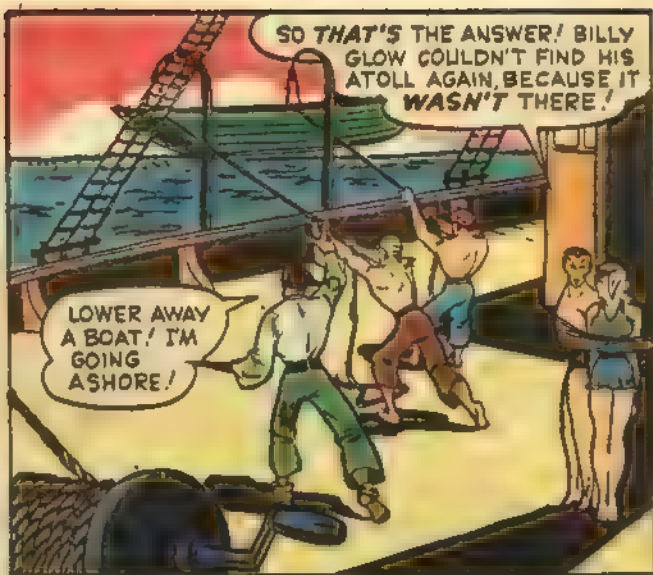


BLESS MY BONES!
IT'S LOST ATOLL!



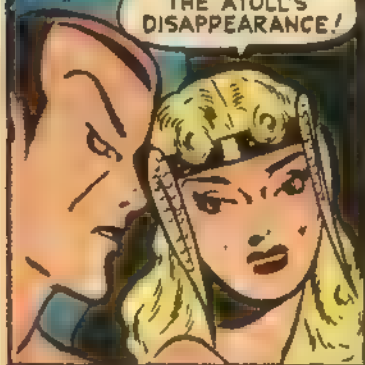
SO THAT'S THE ANSWER! BILLY
GLOW COULDN'T FIND HIS
ATOLL AGAIN, BECAUSE IT
WASN'T THERE!

LOWER AWAY
A BOAT! I'M
GOING
ASHORE!



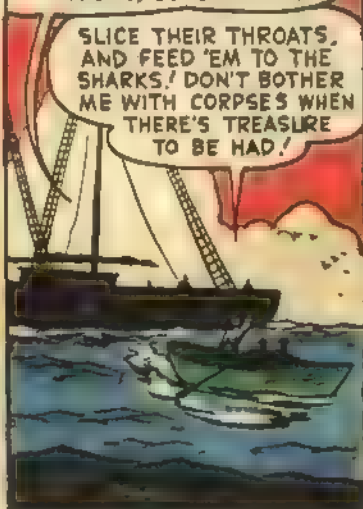
IT'S ONE OF THE SEA'S RAREST
PHENOMENA! A VOLCANIC ATOLL!
SOMETIMES, SUCH LAND MASSES
SLIP BELOW SEA LEVEL, ONLY
TO RISE
AGAIN!

SOMEHOW, BLACK
PATCH GUESSED THE
ANSWER TO
THE ATOLL'S
DISAPPEARANCE!

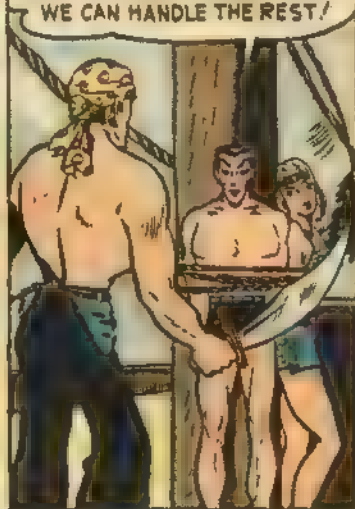


WHAT'LL WE DO WITH THE
PRISONERS, BLACK PATCH?

SLICE THEIR THROATS,
AND FEED 'EM TO THE
SHARKS! DON'T BOTHER
ME WITH CORPSES WHEN
THERE'S TREASURE
TO BE HAD!



NOW'S OUR CHANCE, NAMORA!
HALF THE CREW'S BELOW DECK!
WE CAN HANDLE THE REST!

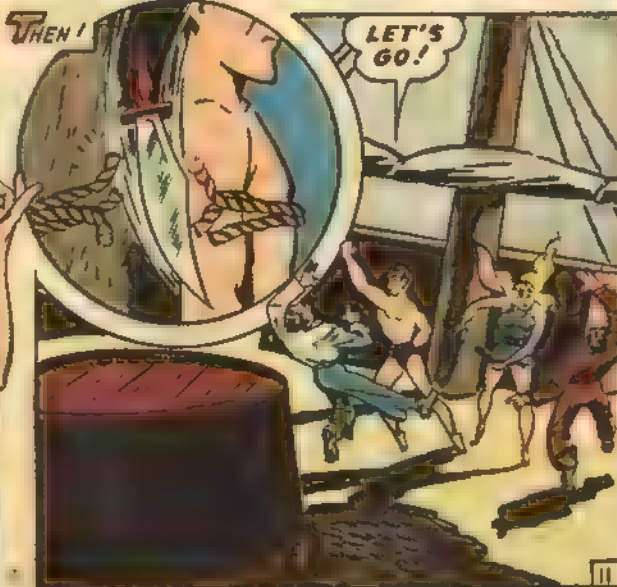


NOW, IF THIS
ONLY WORKS...



THEN!

LET'S
GO!



A SHORT TIME LATER!

SHIVER MY TIMBERS!
THERE SHE LIES! A
FORTUNE IN GOLD!

AYE! WE'LL ALL
BE RICH!



I'M CLAIMING YOUR SHARES,
MATES! ANY OBJECTIONS?

AONHH!



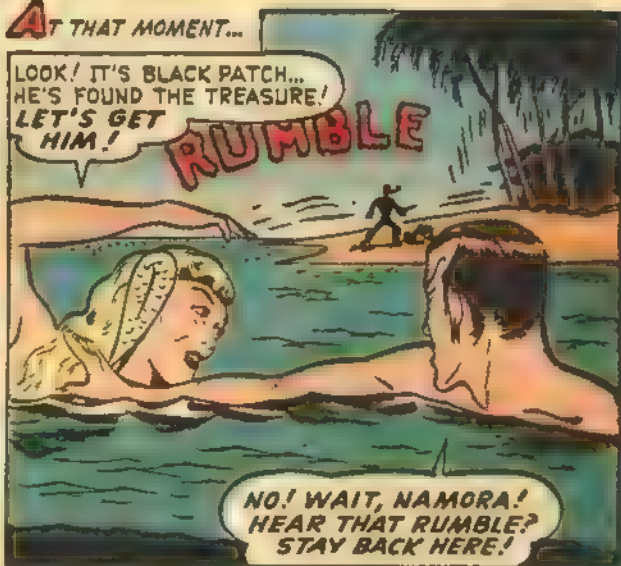
AT LAST! THE TREASURE
IS ALL MINE! I'M RICH
AS CROESUS!



AT THAT MOMENT...

LOOK! IT'S BLACK PATCH...
HE'S FOUND THE TREASURE!
LET'S GET HIM!

RUMBLE



NO! WAIT, NAMORA!
HEAR THAT RUMBLE?
STAY BACK HERE!

IN LIGHTNING SECONDS, THE
VOLCANIC ATOLL PLUNGES
BACK INTO THE SEA!

WHA...? WHAT'S
HAPPENING? NO,
NO! I'LL DROWN!



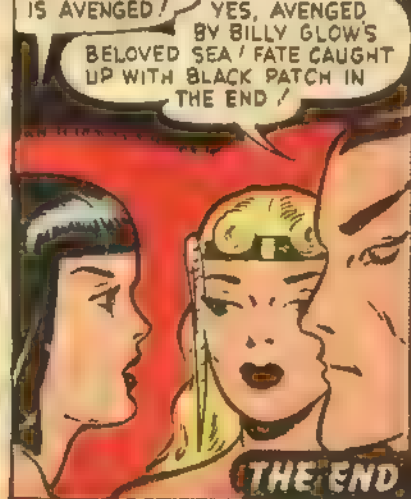
A JUST FATE CLIMAXES THE
'BLOODY CAREER OF THE
MURDEROUS PIRATE...



LATER...

THE TREASURE IS LOST
FOREVER, BUT GRANDPA
BILLY'S MURDER
IS AVENGED!

YES, AVENGED
BY BILLY GLOW'S
BELOVED SEA! FATE CAUGHT
UP WITH BLACK PATCH IN
THE END!



THE END



STAMPED EVIDENCE

THE tall muscular man walked across the hotel room and set a deck of cards on a table. He looked at his squat fat companion and snapped, "We'll cut to see who bumps off the rookie."

The fat man nodded and cut the deck. He held up the cut half of the deck. The showing card was a Jack. The tall man cut. His cut was a King. The tall man's lips curled upward cruelly. He turned and looked at Benny Hamilton, a rookie cop, who was tightly bound to a chair. The tall man laughed sarcastically, "Looks as if I have the pleasure of knocking you off."

Benny looked right into the tall man's eyes. "Yeah, I guess you and the rest of the Devil Gang are pretty good at knocking off cops. You sure did a good job on Pop Johnson. Shot him in the back without giving him a chance."

The short fat man snorted, "Shooting was really too good for that snooper, Pop Johnson, but then the big boss did that job. He likes to do his work quickly and neatly."

So I was right, thought Benny. Pop Johnson, the oldest and most respected cop on the force, had over a period of years gathered enough clues so he was closing in on the Devil Gang. The terrifying Devil Gang, though, was so well organized they knew just when Pop had gotten too close to discovering their leader. Pop had been shot down in a dark alley. Benny had gotten to Pop just before he died. Pop had passed the clues on to Benny. The gang soon knew by Benny's sleuthing on his off hours that Pop had revealed to him his clues. Now it was Benny's turn to be rubbed out.

Benny strained at the ropes holding him. What a fool he was to let himself be caught. Now he would be killed. That certainly wouldn't help to

capture the Devil Gang. Somehow he had to get away.

The tall man took out a knife and walked toward Benny. The fat man trained a gun on Benny. The tall man muttered, "I'm cutting you loose, but no funny stuff or you'll get it right here." He slashed at the rope. Benny stood up. "Now go out the door," ordered the tall man, "down the stairs and out the street door. Then get into the car parked at the curb. Remember, Buck and I will be right behind you with loaded guns in our pockets."

In less than a minute, Benny was seated in the rear seat of a black sedan. The fat man was in the driver's seat. The tall man kept a gun pointed at Benny's head. He slipped a set of handcuffs on Benny's wrists and handcuffs around his legs above the ankles. "Start up and let's get going, Buck," growled the tall man.

Buck had trouble getting the car away from the curb, for the streets were still covered with snow from a recent storm.

As they whizzed through the city, Benny's mind was working at top speed. He had to make a break soon. If they ever got him out in the country it was curtains sure.

Benny glanced at the tall man and saw the gun still pointing at him. Then Benny found his eyes kept focusing on the door handle. Benny suddenly got an idea. It was dark and foggy outside. Buck was having trouble controlling the car. The car skidded on the icy street and everytime this happened, for a fraction of a second, the tall man's gun was jerked out of position.

They were on the outskirts of town when Benny got his chance. The car skidded suddenly. Benny swung his handcuffs down on the gun and kicked down on the door handle at the same

moment. The gun clattered to the floor. The door swung open. Benny pushed with his feet and lurched out the door. He skidded across the street on his back.

The big sedan stopped and turned around. The headlights picked out Benny lying on the street. Buck gunned the engine and the sedan roared toward Benny. Though dazed, Benny saw the car hurling toward him. Using every ounce of strength in his body, Benny rolled toward the side of the street. The sedan missed Benny by a scant inch and slid into a snowbank.

Windows of the tenements that lined the street began to open. Curious people peered down into the street.

"We've got to get out of here," yelled Buck to the tall man, Buck gunned the engine and the sedan sped away.

Benny shook his head to clear it. He yelled for help. A man came out of a tenement. Benny stopped his questions and asked the man if he had anything to cut the links of the handcuffs. Luckily the man's neighbor was a plumber. The man got a pipe cutter from the plumber and cut the handcuffs from Benny's wrists and legs.

The man had a flashlight. Benny took the flashlight and played it around the snowbank where the sedan had crashed. Benny saw something. He moved close to the snowbank and peered at it intensely. Then Benny smiled. He took out his notebook and jotted down something. The man scratched his head. Benny must be crazy.

Benny rushed to headquarters and told Detective Captain Harding his story. Benny handed the Captain his notebook with the mysterious notes he had jotted down. Captain Harding smiled and copied the notes. "Good work, Benny. I'll check on this right away and let you know in an hour."

An hour and fifteen minutes later, Benny and Captain Harding were walking up the steps to the city's Mayor's house. Benny was puzzled. What were they doing at the Mayor's house?

Mayor Duffing came to the door. "Good evening, Captain, what brings you here at this hour?"

The Captain was curt, "I'd like to take a look at your sister's car."

"My sister's car?" stammered the Mayor. "Why it's in the garage. She's sickly you know. She never uses it except in the summer."

"Fine," replied the Captain, "then I'm sure you won't mind if I look at it." The Mayor feebly tried to block the Captain, but he brushed past him.

"Oh, very well if you must see it. I'll show you to the garage," grumbled the Mayor.

Captain Harding, Benny and the Mayor went to the garage. Benny's heart leapt. There was the black sedan he'd been taken for a ride in. Snow clung to the fenders!

"If your sister only uses the car in the summer, Mayor, how come it is coated with snow?" asked the Captain.

The Mayor blubbered, "Why I don't know. Maybe she *did* use it. I'll go ask her."

"Never mind," snapped the Captain. "You know who used your sister's car." The Mayor saw the Captain's gun pointing at him. He rushed toward the Captain. Benny slid quickly in between them and caught the Mayor with an uppercut. The Mayor hit the floor.

"I've had my eye on you a long time, Mayor," drawled Captain Harding. "It seemed odd the Devil Gang should know so much about the Police Force's plans. Peculiar they should find out Pop Johnson was on their case, when only you, I and Pop knew. I was sure the leader must be an insider. Benny's evidence tonight clinched it."

"But how did Benny know it was my sister's car that took him for the ride with my henchmen?" cried the Mayor.

"Tell him, Benny," laughed the Captain.

"Well, Mayor," gloated Benny, "when your henchmen missed running over me they hit a snowbank. Right there, *imprinted in the snowbank* ever so nicely was the license number of the car. The license plate on the bumper stamped the evidence right in the snow. Of course, then all Captain Harding had to do was to check with the Motor Vehicle Commissioner to find the owner of the car."

The Mayor groaned. Captain Harding grinned at Benny. "Benny, maybe you'd better run for Mayor. It sure looks as if we're going to need a new one!"

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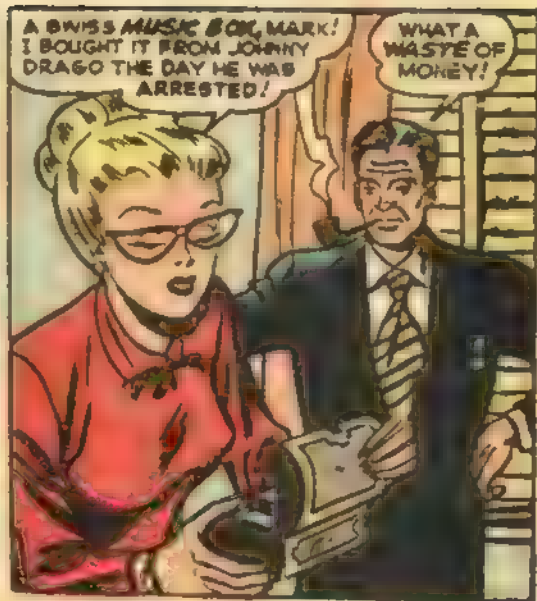
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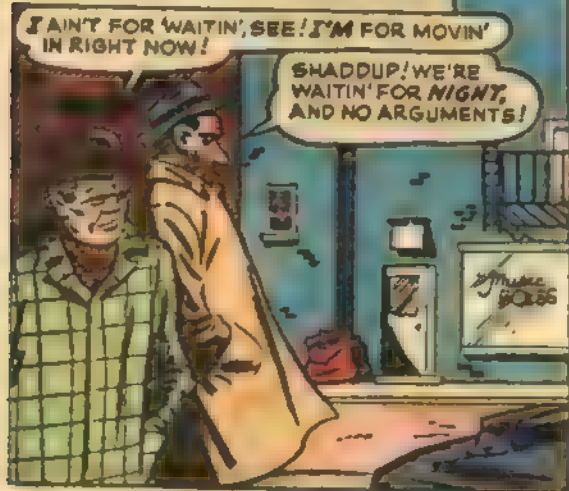
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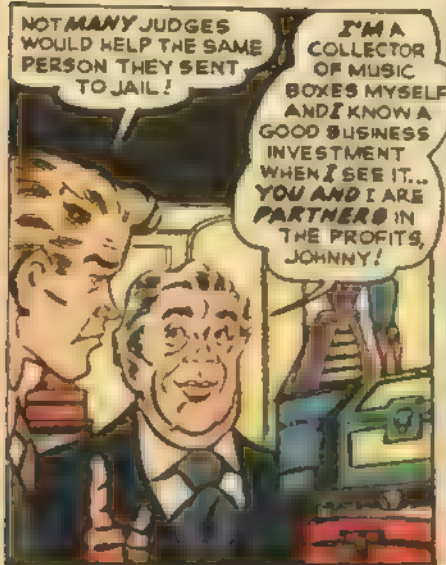
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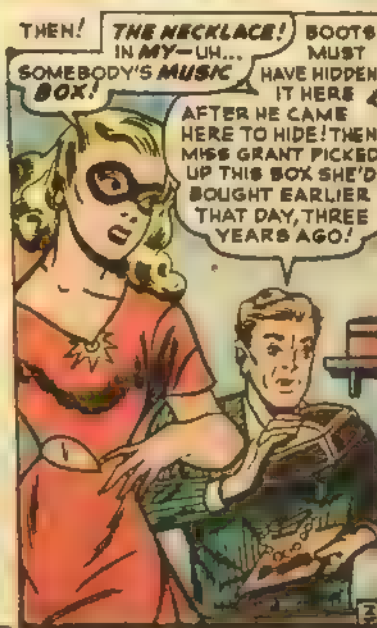
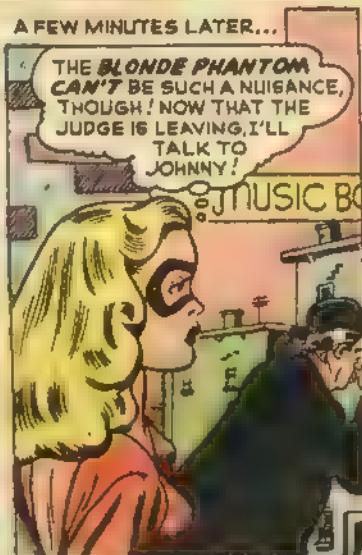
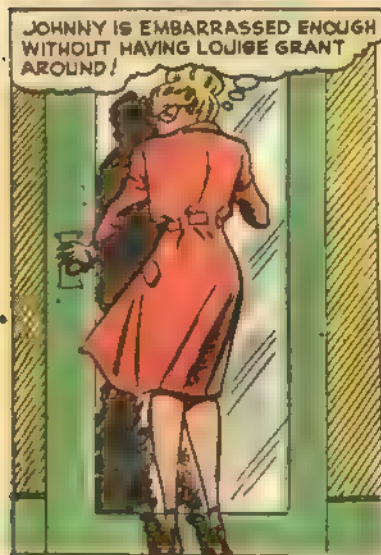
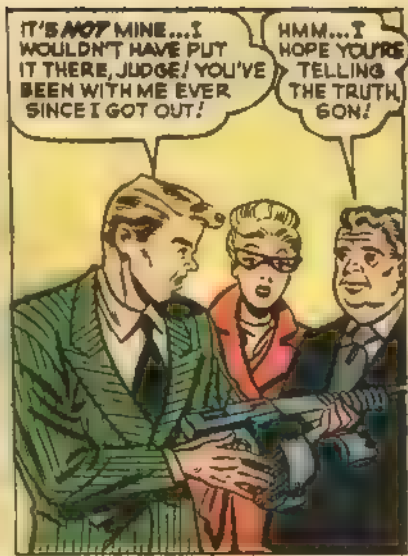
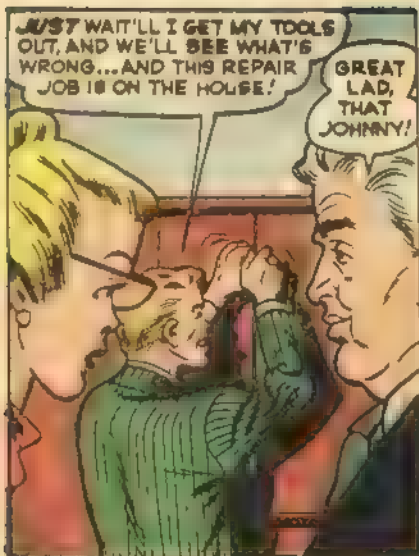


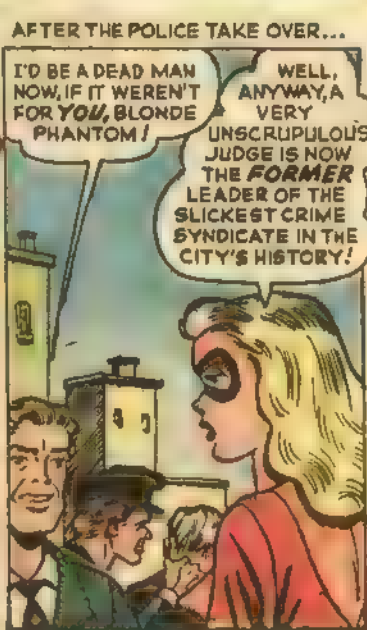
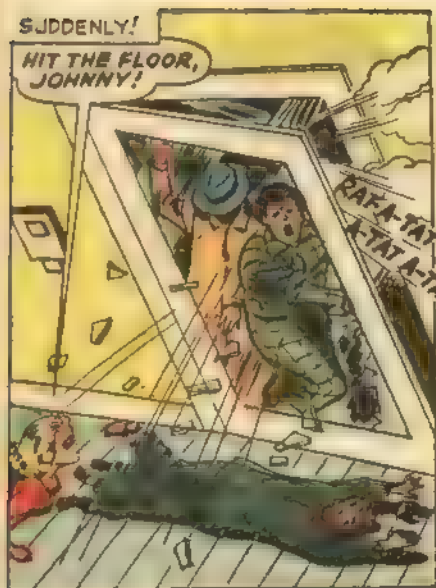
MEANWHILE, NEAR A 2ND AVENUE SHOP...



AND INSIDE THE SHOP, JOHNNY IS VISITED BY ONE JUDGE FELLOWS...







STAMP NEWS

By KENT B. STILES

Use of postage stamps to commemorate events of historical significance and happenings in careers of past and living persons is more and more becoming popular with Governmental postal administrations. During 1947, for example, more than one-fourth of all stamps issued are commemoratives, released in more than seventy countries; and indications are that the same pace will be maintained during 1948. Here are just a few samples of what collectors may expect this year in the way of commemoratives:

At Washington will be printed a "Four Chaplains Memorial" stamp honoring the four chaplains, each an Army First Lieutenant, who gave their lives when the transport Dorchester was torpedoed in the North Atlantic in February, 1943. They were George L. Fox, Methodist; Alexander Goode, Jewish; Clark V. Poling, Baptist; John P. Washington, Roman Catholic. They were last seen with arms locked, and praying, as the ship foundered. They had given their life jackets to soldiers. The stamp will be issued partly "in the interest of religious tolerance."

Great Britain will commemorate the silver wedding anniversary of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on April 26 with 2½-pence and 1 pound stamps. In May will appear 1p and 2½p to mark an anniversary of the liberation of the Channel Islands from German occupation during the war. In July there will be 2½p, 3p, 6p and 1-shilling items for the Olympic Games. Several other Governments are postally commemorating the sports contests.

Salvador and a few more countries promised special stamps on April 12, third anniversary of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Canal Zone is issuing on April 17 a 10-cent stamp for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the Canal Zone Biographical Area, on Barro Colorado Island in man-made Gatun Lake. The region is one where flora and fauna of a tropical forest are preserved and made accessible to scientists for study.

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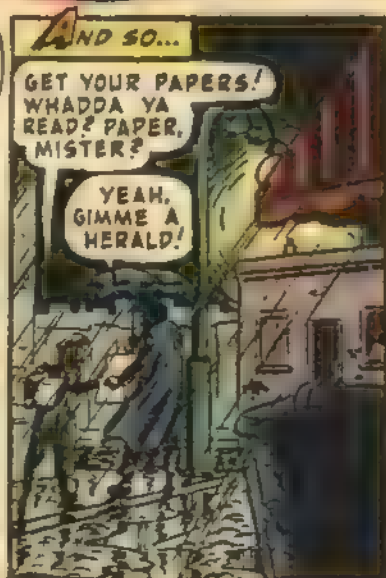
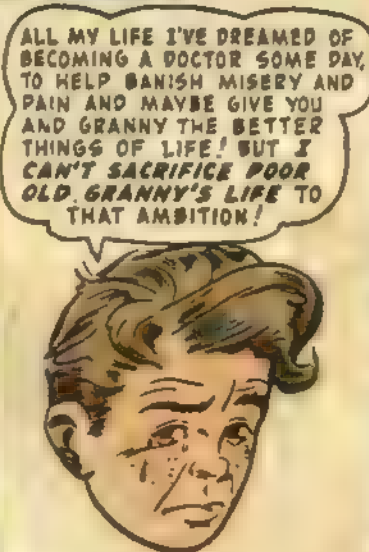
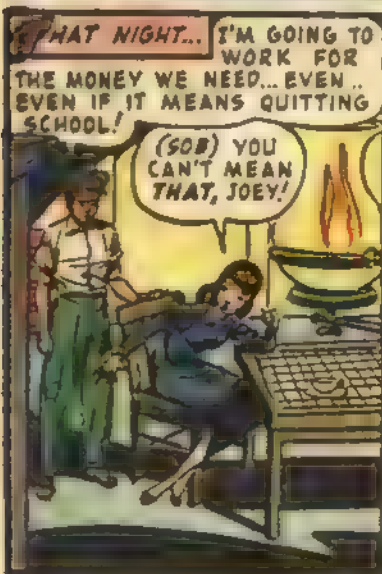
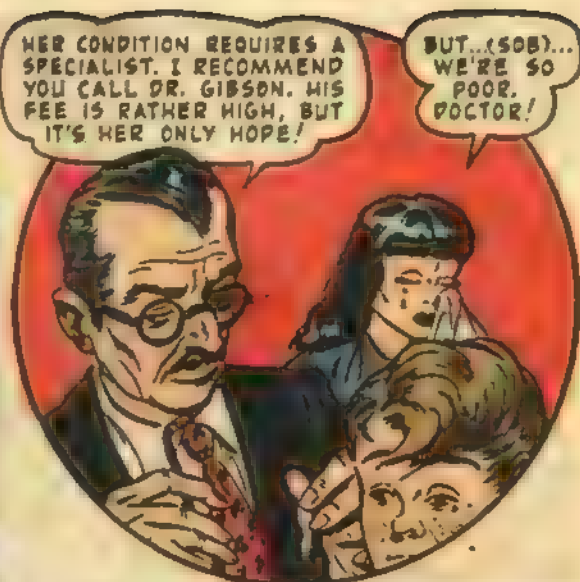
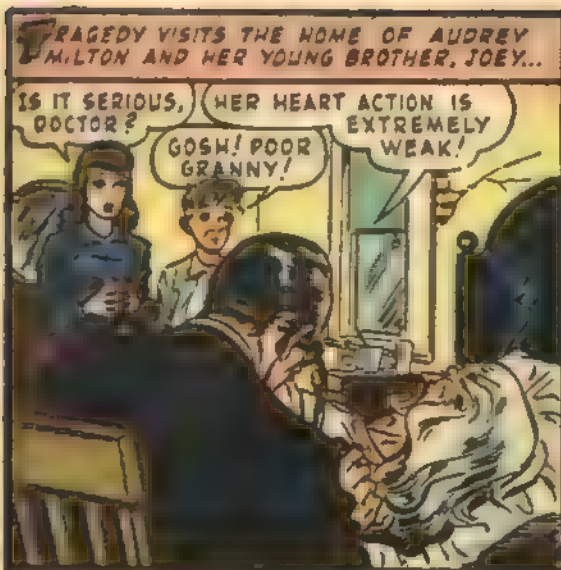
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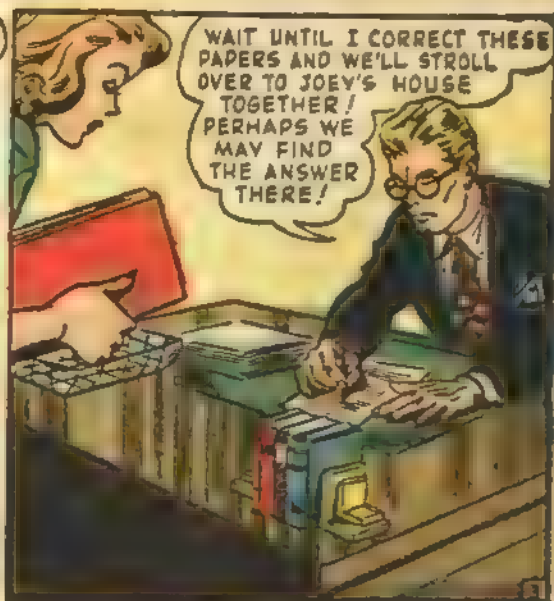
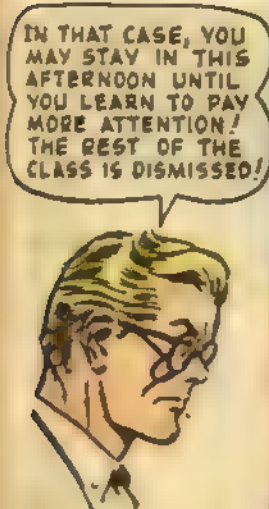
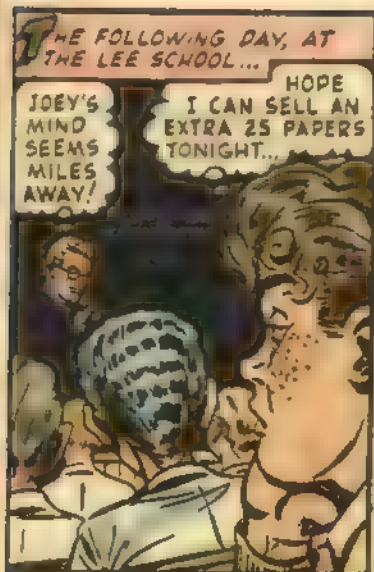
PATSY WALKER ON SALE NOW!

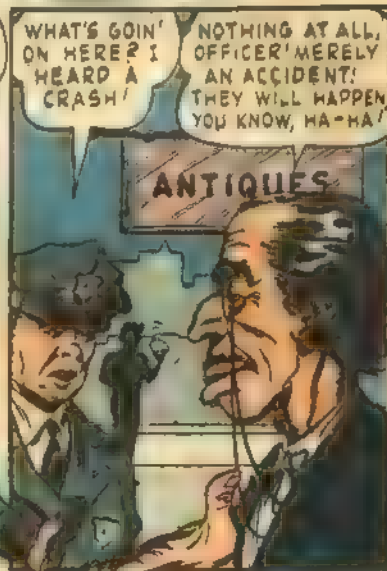
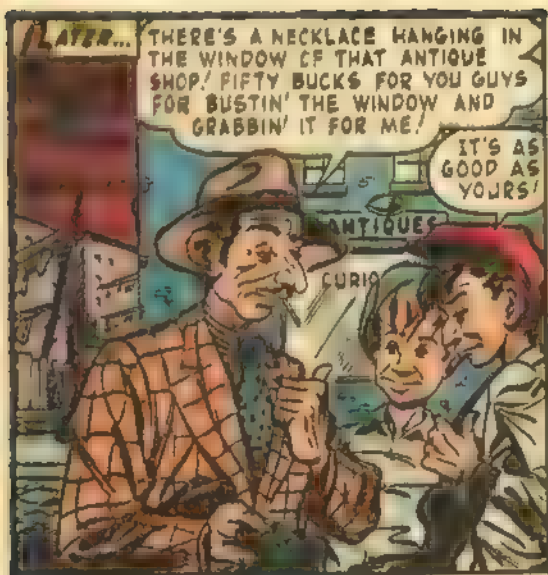
CAPTAIN AMERICA

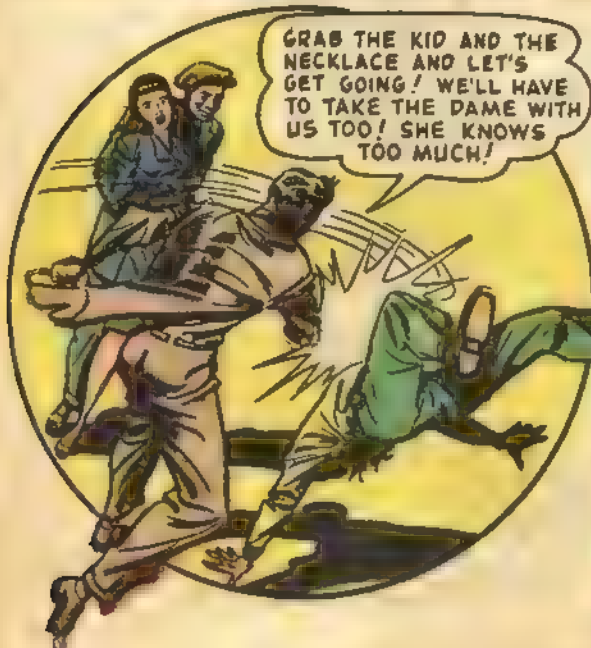


WHEN A BOY WILL GIVE UP A CHANCE FOR THE ONE THING IN LIFE WHICH HE WANTS,
OR WHEN A MAN WILL SACRIFICE HIMSELF FOR ANOTHER, THAT IS TRUE NOBILITY. AND
WHEN FATE STEPS INTO THIS TERROR-FILLED TALE OF TRAGEDY... YOU HAVE THE STORY OF...
"THE BOY WHO COULDN'T STUDY!"





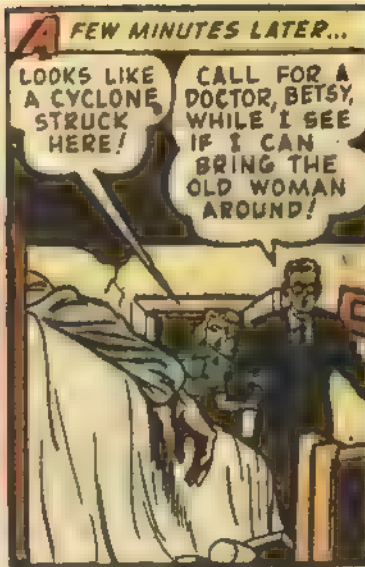






GET IN THERE!
THE BOSS IS
ANXIOUS TA
MEET YA!

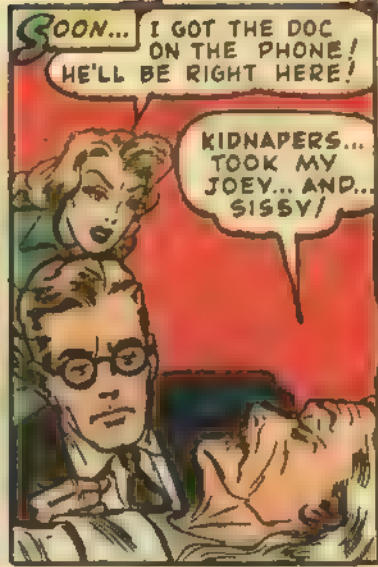
DON'T
SHOVE!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

LOOKS LIKE
A CYCLONE
STRUCK
HERE!

CALL FOR A
DOCTOR, BETSY,
WHILE I SEE
IF I CAN
BRING THE
OLD WOMAN
AROUND!

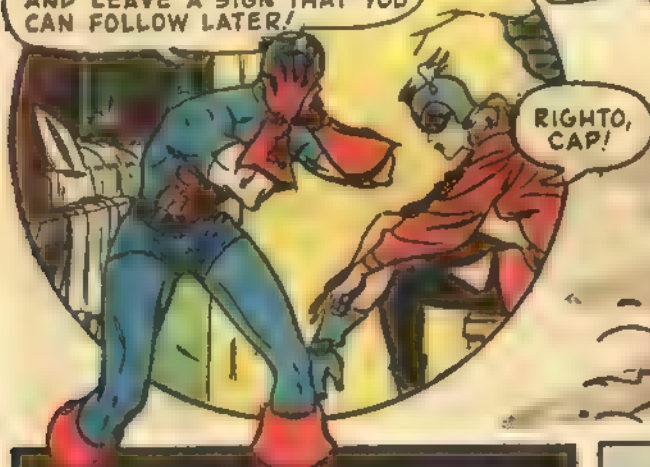


SOON... I GOT THE DOC
ON THE PHONE!
HE'LL BE RIGHT HERE!

KIDNAPERS...
TOOK MY
JOEY... AND...
SISSY!

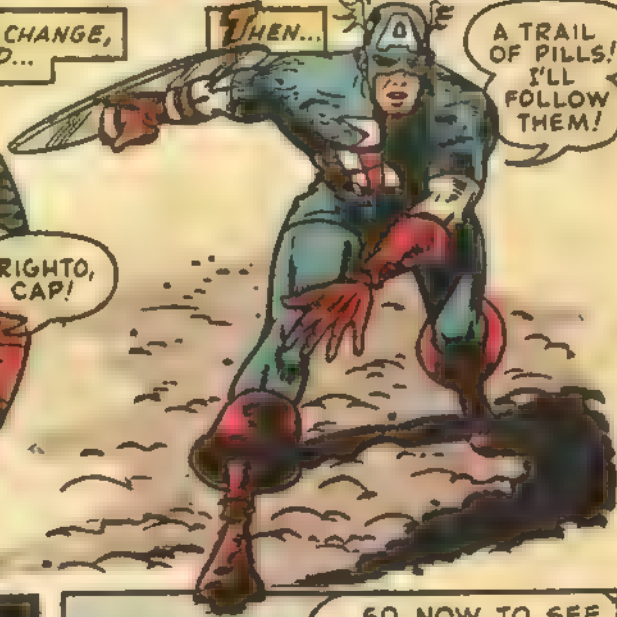
**FAST ACTION CALLS FOR A COSTUME CHANGE,
AND...**

YOU STAY HERE UNTIL THE
DOCTOR ARRIVES, BETSY! I'LL
TRY TO PICK UP THEIR TRAIL
AND LEAVE A SIGN THAT YOU
CAN FOLLOW LATER!

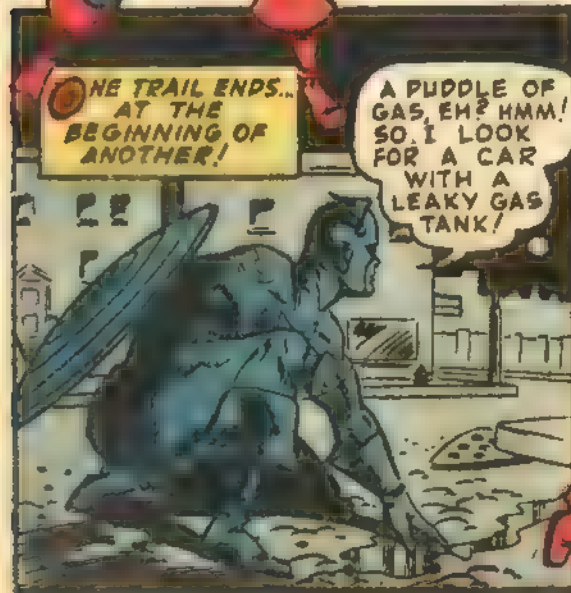


RIGHTO,
CAP!

THEN...

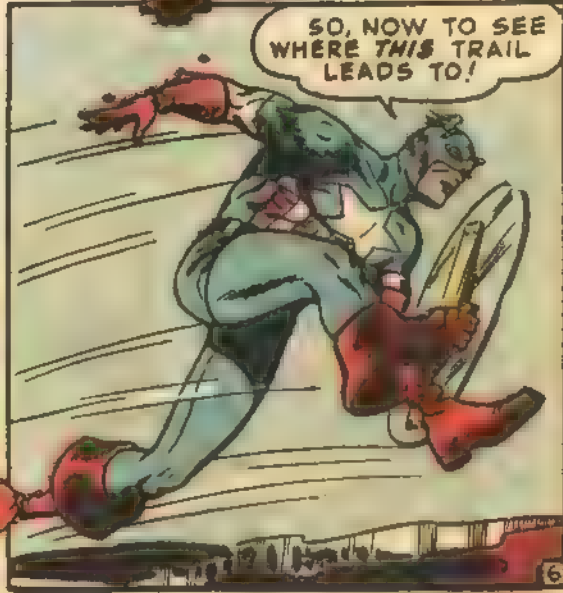


A TRAIL
OF PILLS!
I'LL
FOLLOW
THEM!

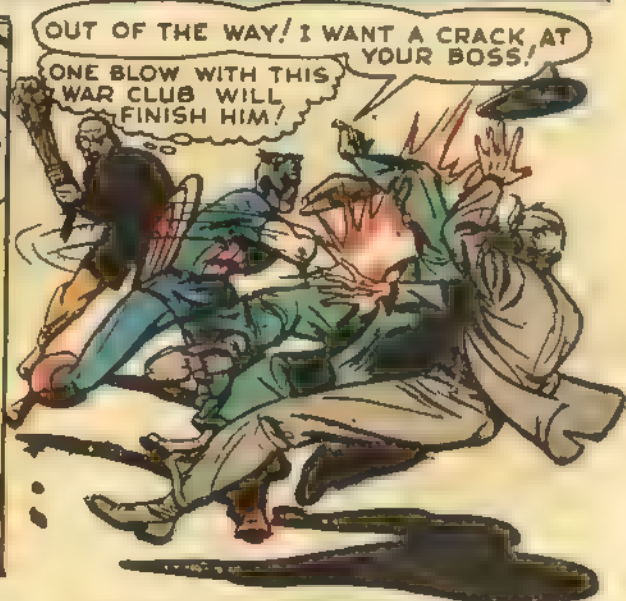
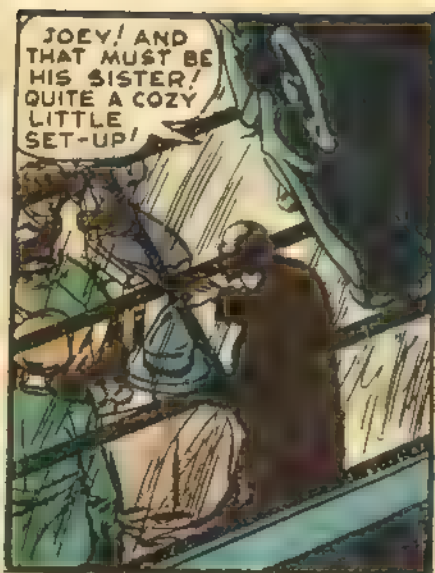


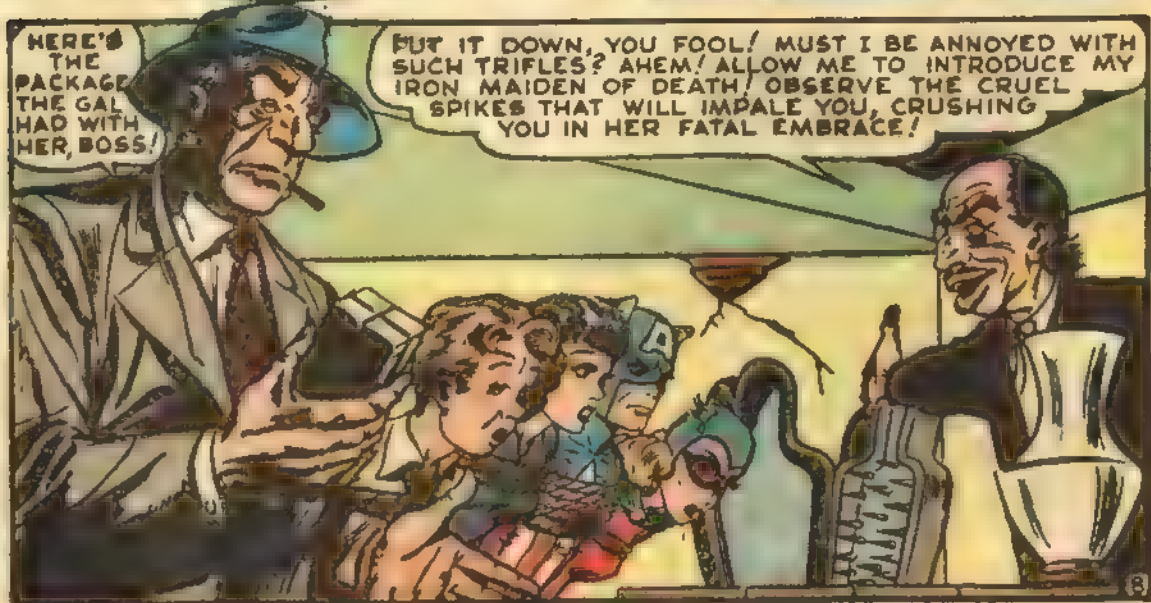
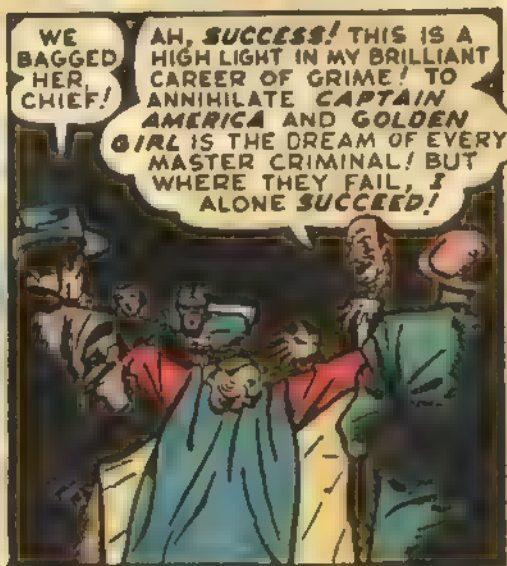
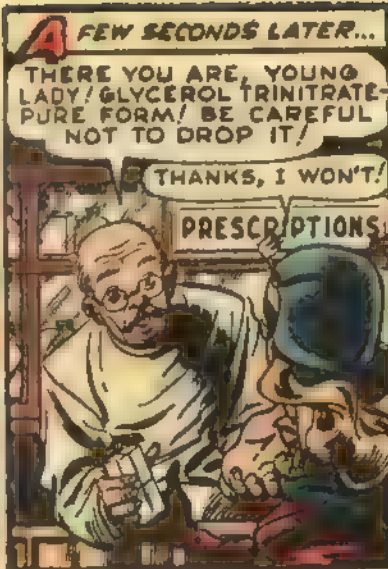
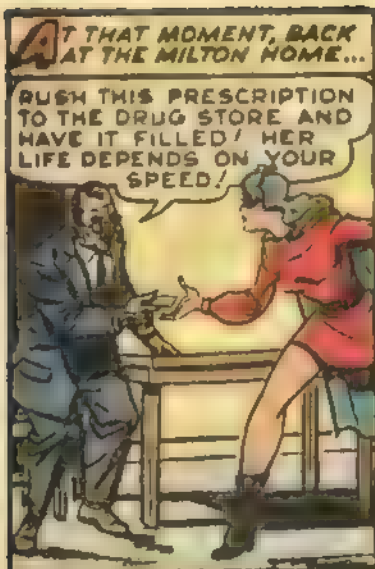
**ONE TRAIL ENDS...
AT THE
BEGINNING OF
ANOTHER!**

A PUDDLE OF
GAS, EH? HMM!
SO, I LOOK
FOR A CAR
WITH A
LEAKY GAS
TANK!



SO, NOW TO SEE
WHERE *THIS* TRAIL
LEADS TO!





THE SLIGHTEST PRESSURE
INSIDE THE MAIDEN
RELEASES HIDDEN
SPRINGS WHICH SNAP
IT SHUT, SPIKING ITS
VICTIM TO A BLOODY
PULP! IT IS MY
INTENTION TO TOSS
EACH OF YOU TO
HER!



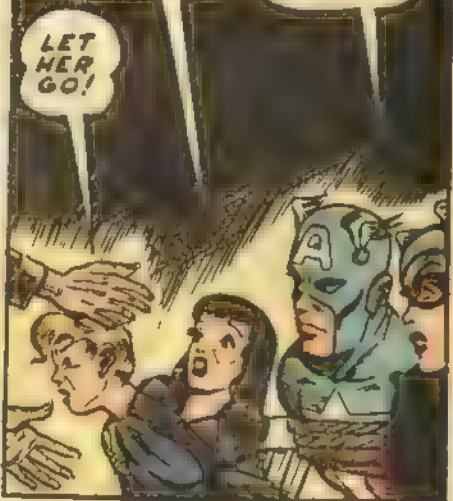
AND SINCE YOU REFUSE
TO DIVULGE WHO IS BEHIND
THE PLOT TO ROB THAT
NECKLACE, YOU SHALL
BE FIRST!



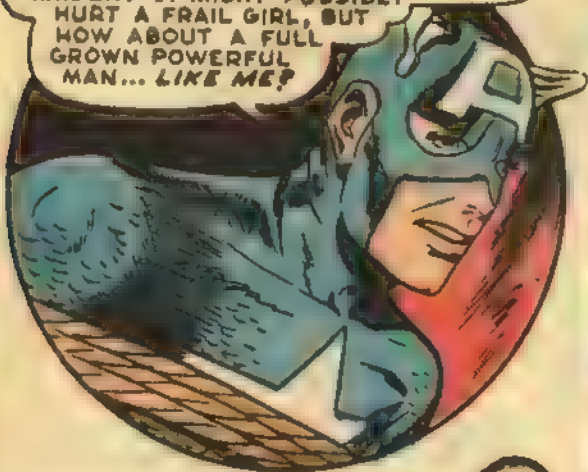
NO! STOP!

BZZZZZZ...
BZZZZZZ...

LET
HER
GO!



LISTEN, RAND, WHY DON'T YOU STOP
KIDDING YOURSELF ABOUT THAT JUNK-
PILE PINCUSHION YOU CALL AN IRON
MAIDEN? IT MIGHT POSSIBLY
HURT A FRAIL GIRL, BUT
HOW ABOUT A FULL
GROWN POWERFUL
MAN... LIKE ME?



OR ARE YOU AFRAID THAT I'LL BEND
HER DAINTY LITTLE SPIKES A BIT IF
I GO BEFORE THE REST OF THEM?

WHY, YOU...

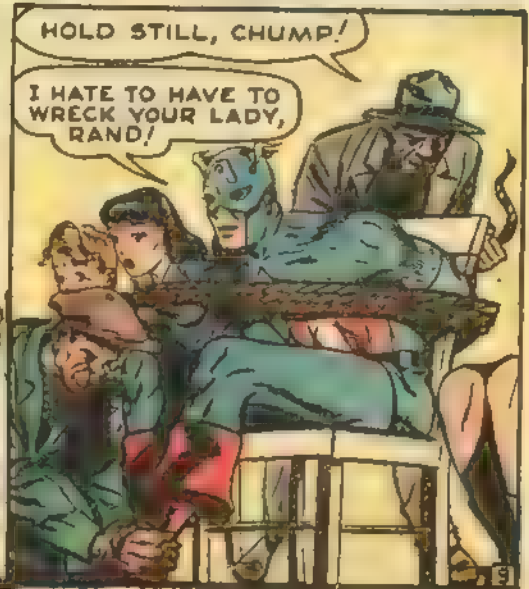


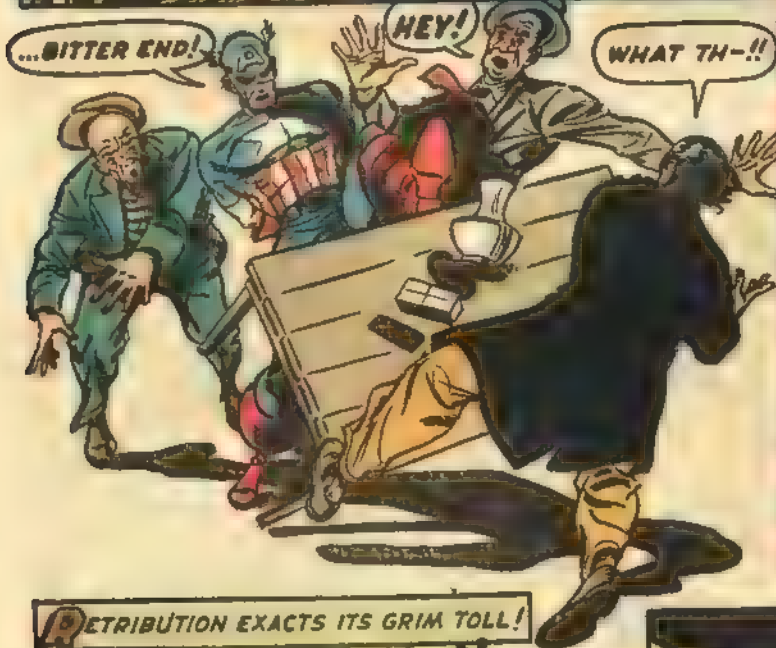
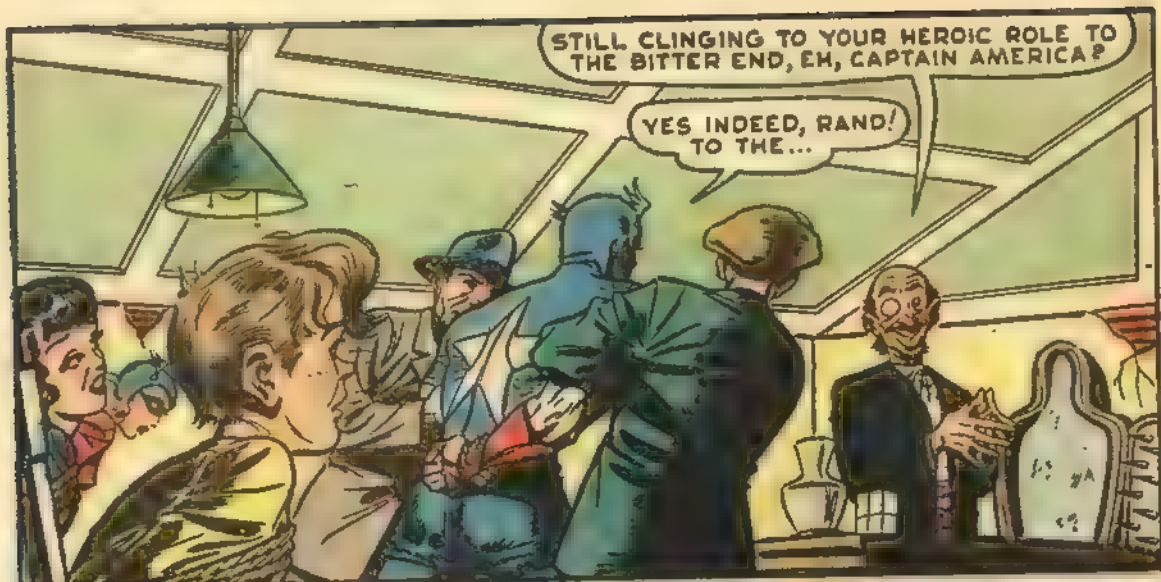
I INTENDED TO SAVE YOU
FOR THE LAST, BUT I HAVE
CHANGED MY PLANS!
YOU, CAPTAIN AMERICA,
SHALL BE THE FIRST
TO DIE! UNBIND HIS
LEGS, MEN!



HOLD STILL, CHUMP!

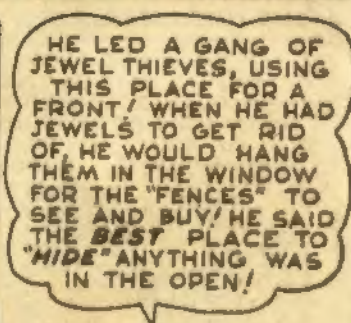
I HATE TO HAVE TO
WRECK YOUR LADY,
RAND!





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